

**CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION
TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-THIRD MEETING**

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station
Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on
Monday, April 14, 2014, commencing at 1:03 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard Delaney, Chairman
Larry O. Spaulding
Edward C. Sabin
Ted Thomas
Joseph Craig
Sheila Lyons
Maureen Burgess
Mark Robinson

Don Nuendel, alternate

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent
Kathy Tevyaw, Deputy Superintendent
Lauren McKean, Management Assistant
Jason Taylor, Chief of Natural Resources and Science Division
Andrew Nelson, Congressman Keating's district representative

Audience members

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. DELANEY: I will be happy to welcome spring.
It really feels like it today. Finally.

MS. LYONS: Yes, it does.

MR. DELANEY: And bring the 293rd meeting of the
Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MR. DELANEY: You have an agenda in front of you.
Shall we adopt it? A motion?

MR. SABIN: So moved.

MR. DELANEY: Second?

MS. BURGESS: Second.

MR. DELANEY: All those in favor?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (FEBRUARY 3, 2014)

MR. DELANEY: We have approval of our minutes from
our previous meeting, which I believe were distributed.

MR. SABIN: Not too fast, I might say.

MR. DELANEY: Where are they?

MR. SABIN: They're done.

MR. DELANEY: Okay, yeah.

MR. SABIN: But they were kind of late.

MR. DELANEY: Oh-oh. The record will note the
minutes were late on delivery.

1 Any corrections, though, or comments for accuracy?

2 MR. SABIN: I want you to know I did read the
3 entire minutes, and I didn't find a single error.

4 MR. DELANEY: Good.

5 MR. SABIN: As far as I'm concerned, they're
6 approved as is.

7 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, they were good.

8 MR. DELANEY: Okay, a motion to adopt -- approve
9 the minutes as printed?

10 MS. LYONS: So moved.

11 MR. DELANEY: Second?

12 MS. BURGESS: Second.

13 MR. DELANEY: All those in favor?

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. DELANEY: Okay.

16 Actually, I neglected -- I realize we have a few
17 guests here today.

18 Andrew Nelson is here today representing --
19 district representative from Senator -- Representative
20 Keating's office.

21 Andrew, welcome.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER (ANDREW NELSON): Thank you.

23 MR. DELANEY: Good, I just noticed you in the back
24 there. This is good. I'm glad -- have you been to one

1 of our meetings before?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. NELSON): I have not.

3 MR. DELANEY: Well, we cover a lot of ground
4 because there's an awful lot going on in Cape Cod
5 National Seashore. And once we get to the
6 Superintendent's Report, you'll have a chance to get a
7 good snapshot of the range of things that go on,
8 hopefully most of which will be of interest to you and
9 your office. And a few of which will probably come
10 knocking on your door too.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. NELSON): Just let me know.

12 MR. DELANEY: Okay, good.

13 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

14 MR. DELANEY: So I will move to Item No. 3, Reports
15 of Officers.

16 I see no officers raising their hand, so we'll go
17 to the Reports of the Subcommittees.

18 **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

19 **UPDATE OF PILGRIM NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY PLANNING**

20 **SUBCOMMITTEE**

21 MR. DELANEY: And I know there's been a lot of
22 activity going on with our Nuclear Power Plant Emergency
23 Planning Subcommittee.

24 Maureen, would you give us an update on that,

1 please?

2 MS. BURGESS: Sure, I'll give you some recent
3 updates, Mr. Chairman.

4 Why don't we start with the good news.

5 I think I'd like to ask Commissioner Lyons to
6 report on what the Cape Cod commissioners recently did.

7 MS. LYONS: Okay, do you want me to start with
8 that?

9 MS. BURGESS: (Nods.)

10 MS. LYONS: So excuse me. This week we finally
11 scheduled the Downwinders to come before us. And we've
12 been following this issue and looking at this issue, and
13 we all have concerns about it. And I think individually
14 we support all the efforts that are going on around
15 Pilgrim, but for some reason, our chair is just
16 resistant to putting it on, like, you know, really what
17 power do we have? And I kept saying it doesn't matter
18 what power. I mean, the more voices gives that power.
19 We need the added power.

20 So finally we did have them come forward, and I
21 think they thought there was going to have to be some
22 sort of -- but everybody was ready to hear the
23 presentation and to really seriously consider what it
24 would be that they would ask us to do, which was to sign

1 on to this proclamation. And we read the proclamation.
2 They had sent us this all ahead of time, and both Bill
3 Doherty and I both agreed that, yes, this is all fine
4 points in the proclamation, but, you know, this company
5 -- you're basically telling us that there's an episode
6 happens and we all have to sit here and just kind of
7 take that, and we all know that we're being contaminated
8 and living in a contaminated area. You know, it's just
9 unacceptable.

10 Yes, there are efforts to shut that down, and I do
11 understand that there's a whole lot of things to
12 consider, but the fact of the matter is, while you're
13 considering all these things, this could happen. And I
14 really believe that there should be some sort of
15 response from a national level that would kick into
16 place just as if we had a national disaster. There is a
17 plan of shutdown. Airplanes are deployed. You know,
18 there are people who are there to protect us who know
19 exactly what they're supposed to be doing. So I think
20 that we deserve nothing less, and that's what I'm sort
21 of demanding while they're figuring out how rapidly they
22 could shut this down.

23 It produces 5 percent of our electricity. That's
24 what we depend on it for. Unfortunately, because people

1 are resisting and maybe lack of space as well,
2 alternative energies were not able to sort of fill that
3 in, though we're getting there, probably more through
4 solar. But the fact of the matter is, you know, these
5 things will get gapped -- you know, the gaps will be
6 filled rapidly I think if we take 5 percent. It's not
7 like it's an extreme number, and we'll have to live with
8 that. But enough already. This is just not right. And
9 I do think that we should write another letter to the
10 Governor just saying, "We demand -- this could be your
11 last great action in your exit."

12 MS. BURGESS: So what will your commissioners do
13 then?

14 MS. LYONS: So what the next step is, is that we
15 asked -- we took the proclamation, and we asked our
16 administrators -- we gave them our thoughts, gave them
17 our thoughts of what we wanted in that, asked them to
18 rewrite it, including the proclamation with this added
19 caveat that we want to put in there that's much more
20 even stronger language than what's in that, much more of
21 a demand. And we will probably undoubtedly vote on that
22 Wednesday, approve it, and send it to everybody that we
23 need to send it to.

24 MS. BURGESS: Great.

1 MS. LYONS: So that's where we're at.

2 MR. DELANEY: That adds to the mix.

3 MS. LYONS: And I think they were pleased, and so
4 yeah. Finally, yeah.

5 MR. DELANEY: Good luck with that.

6 Maureen, other news?

7 MS. BURGESS: Yes, wonderful news. The Association
8 for the Preservation of Cape Cod called for Pilgrim's
9 permit to be terminated and for the plant to be
10 decommissioned. There's a 12-page position paper on
11 their website, so that was good news.

12 This may sound funny, but the Downwinders -- good
13 news that the Downwinders were convicted of trespassing.
14 But they felt it was a -- the Downwinders being the
15 people that are the activists that have been working so
16 hard for so many years on bringing the public's
17 attention to Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant and the dangers
18 that it posed. But they felt that their conviction on
19 trespassing was a victory because they felt that with
20 all the testimony of the experts, it really was an
21 opportunity for them to have their say and for the
22 public to be more informed.

23 They used what's called a necessity defense, and I
24 was wondering if maybe Attorney Spaulding could explain

1 the necessity defense.

2 MR. SPAULDING: Well, it's not my area, so it
3 probably would be hard for me to do.

4 MS. BURGESS: Oh, okay. Well, then I'll do my
5 amateurish interpretation.

6 Basically what their plea was, was that it was
7 civil defense -- civil disobedience because it was a
8 moral imperative to speak up because they've tried every
9 legal route, every political route to try to bring
10 attention to the danger that Pilgrim poses, and they
11 felt that the only way they could do this -- and it was
12 their moral imperative -- was to go ahead and to
13 trespass. So they didn't serve any time, but they were
14 convicted.

15 What else? The Cape Downwinders met with Governor
16 Patrick. They sort of had a sit-in and a rally at the
17 Statehouse in the auditorium. And Diane Turco
18 persevered and got a meeting with the Governor, who
19 agreed to write a letter to the NRC for shutting down
20 Pilgrim. You might remember that he did write a letter
21 opposing relicensing, but this was a follow-up to that.

22 Let's see. Another thing that's coming up is that
23 Diane Turco is actually going to meet with Allison
24 Macfarlane, the chair of the Nuclear Regulatory

1 Commission in Washington, on the 21st and also with one
2 of the senator's aides. It would be Senator Markey's
3 aide.

4 MS. LYONS: She's the one that's been somewhat
5 sympathetic. She was the only vote against relicensing.

6 MS. BURGESS: That's correct. She's the current
7 chairman who voted against relicensing and was very much
8 in favor of improving the fence to decrease radiation to
9 the public in the event of an accident. So those are
10 some positives.

11 Bad news, NRC voted not to increase the 20-mile
12 emergency planning zone around any nuclear power plant.
13 And you may recall that when Representative Peake spoke
14 with us, she has currently at the Statehouse a bill in
15 favor of expanding the EPZ around Pilgrim to 20 miles.
16 So the NRC came out and said, "No, we're not expanding
17 the 20-mile zone around any nuclear power plant."

18 And I guess my next question for everybody is, is
19 anybody aware of any feedback to our economic analysis
20 of the consequences of a disaster? Has anybody shared
21 with any groups that have given you any feedback?

22 MR. DELANEY: I've only had Diane herself tell me
23 that it was fantastic and they're using it, Diane Turco.

24 MS. BURGESS: Yeah.

1 MR. DELANEY: Which you know. Other than that, I
2 haven't had any direct contact or feedback from anybody.

3 Have others?

4 MS. LYONS: I have. I've had it just mentioned,
5 and I can't remember exactly where, but I've had people
6 refer to the study that shows very clearly the economic
7 impact. It might have been Wendy who might have
8 mentioned that in a conversation, but it was a positive
9 comment, and they thought it was very thorough and
10 showed an angle that people weren't considering.

11 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

12 MR. SPAULDING: Once it became public, I did send a
13 copy to a local bank president.

14 MS. BURGESS: Oh, you did?

15 MR. SPAULDING: And the implications for when you
16 were talking about national, if this thing actually
17 happened, our local banks would be in serious trouble
18 because people would not be in a position with no
19 tourists, no income coming in to pay their mortgages.
20 At some point the government is going to have to figure
21 out -- they're going to have to come in and do
22 something.

23 MS. LYONS: Right.

24 MR. SPAULDING: It would be good to have some kind

1 of a plan ahead of time. I highly agree with what
2 Sheila just said.

3 MS. LYONS: Thank you. I'll pass that along.

4 MS. BURGESS: When I read over the minutes -- I
5 must say when I read over the minutes, I was really
6 pleased with the report and also the conversation from
7 the Commission and the comments, but I remember, Rich,
8 that you had suggested the banks. And I thought that
9 was a great idea, and I don't know if we can reach out
10 to them in any other way.

11 MR. DELANEY: Well, Larry's done at least one bank.
12 Are there others we could -- you could do the same
13 thing for? Other banks you could pass it on to?

14 MR. SPAULDING: Yeah, I probably could.

15 MR. DELANEY: That might be nice.

16 MS. BURGESS: That would be great.

17 MR. SPAULDING: Would you get me a clean copy of
18 the document, please?

19 MS. BURGESS: Sure.

20 MR. SPAULDING: There are a couple of other bank
21 presidents I'm also friendly with, and I'll send it to
22 them.

23 MS. LYONS: Yeah, I mean, just for them to think
24 about. You know, you're not really considering that

1 possibility, but it would be huge.

2 MR. THOMAS: I think anything that we do -- I truly
3 believe in totally -- to make it factual, but I think
4 from the point that we first brought this up prior to
5 the relicensing and our first letters went out, a lot
6 has taken place; the fact that the Association for
7 Preservation finally came out with a study to say that
8 you folks finally had a word.

9 There's a new group in the Lower Cape called Down
10 Cape Downwinders. That grew overnight, and I think --
11 so from the time that we first got involved -- I mean,
12 Turco's been at this for twenty-something years.

13 MS. LYONS: She's unbelievable.

14 MR. THOMAS: We started a couple years ago. And
15 like I said, I can't say that things have happened
16 because we started, but it has grown. It has grown, and
17 I think as people on this commission, as residents of
18 the Cape, we have to stay vigilant; we have to stay
19 educated. And I think when it comes down to Novembers
20 when we have a chance to vote for your representative,
21 your state rep., your congressman, anybody, if they're
22 not on your side and aware and care about Pilgrim, maybe
23 they shouldn't get the vote.

24 MR. DELANEY: I agree. We've really made a lot of

1 progress. The momentum is quite -- you know, you've
2 done a lot of it, Maureen, but the fact that Pilgrim has
3 moved up high on the list of the watch list of the NRC
4 -- I don't know if it's number one or the top five.
5 Because between all of the mechanical breakdowns and all
6 the public pressure, I know they're paying a lot more
7 attention than they did just two years ago. And they're
8 the people -- that's the group that has to make the call
9 ultimately.

10 And this meeting with Diane Turco and the chairman
11 of the board is going to be great.

12 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I think that's fabulous.

13 MR. DELANEY: It's real progress.

14 MS. BURGESS: That's great.

15 MR. DELANEY: Good, okay.

16 I'm sorry?

17 MR. PRICE: I was just going to suggest, I think
18 going to the banks is a great idea. I would also
19 suggest that there's a Cape-wide Realtor association.

20 MS. LYONS: There is.

21 MR. PRICE: That would be another business-type
22 outfit that would be wiped out overnight. Because
23 previously the mailings have been to the chambers, to
24 the town managers, that sort of thing, but not targeted

1 business entities.

2 MS. BURGESS: There was a gentleman -- I think it
3 was Mr. Clark who was suggesting the county. There's a
4 county group of selectmen. I don't think they got it.

5 Was it you, Mark?

6 MR. ROBINSON: It's the Selectmen's Association and
7 the Town Councilor's Association. They meet monthly,
8 quarterly.

9 MS. LYONS: Yeah, it's monthly.

10 MR. ROBINSON: They do have presentations.

11 MS. LYONS: They do.

12 MR. ROBINSON: I don't know if we could present
13 this.

14 MS. BURGESS: That's an idea. If anybody would
15 like to do a presentation for the group, that's another
16 option that we have.

17 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you, Maureen, unless
18 there's anything else on that topic or other discussion.
19 That's great. Keep up the good work. I think we have
20 an agenda, a good -- we all need the practice, we as a
21 larger community.

22 Even though they don't respond to us, keep on --
23 keep on yelling.

24 Okay, the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent

1 Price?

2 MR. PRICE: Sure.

3 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

4 MR. PRICE: A couple of things. First, I apologize
5 for getting out the minutes so late this time. I'll try
6 to do better next time and make sure that you get them
7 in a timely manner.

8 **STORM DAMAGE**

9 MR. PRICE: I first want to just comment on the
10 storm damage update.

11 So the incredible news is we really still had just
12 the storm damage from the activity in January. So even
13 after the blizzard, after a lot of these other events
14 with wind and rain, it's been impressive, and there's
15 been some expansion up at the Herring Cove North parking
16 lot, but largely it's still what we witnessed in January
17 with some addition after that.

18 The good news is we actually do have an account
19 that has storm damage repair in it and that we now have
20 account numbers and we're working with contractors in
21 order to proceed. It's late, and when I actually have a
22 contractor on board with a timeline, then I'll
23 distribute that information. I've specifically been in
24 contact with the acting town manager and Sarah Peake

1 personally just to let her know of those particular
2 issues. It affects them I think a little bit more than,
3 say, Eastham with Nauset Light Beach because in Eastham
4 you still have Coast Guard Beach set to be open, and
5 Nauset Light Beach even last year when we repaired the
6 stairs happened after Memorial Day.

7 So those are the two beach access issues, and the
8 third one, of course -- not of course. The third storm
9 damage was the roof up at the biolab up at the Highlands
10 Center. So that's the funding that we've gotten that
11 we'll be working on pretty quickly.

12 And of course, in all of our justification of
13 working with the Region, we've explained to them that
14 the Herring Cove project is really just a patch job to
15 try to bridge us until our full, permanent fix can
16 actually be implemented, which will still take some
17 time. It's still very expensive, but we're moving
18 forward on that process. Lauren's been working on all
19 the additional people -- additional pieces that they ask
20 for on a weekly basis, and we'll be making a pitch to
21 the Region to try to preempt some of that so they can
22 understand where it is.

23 Their issue is -- please understand this,
24 especially dealing with Hurricane Sandy. The question

1 is, if the Herring Cove North project is just a patch,
2 then why are we spending any money on it? Because we've
3 got a permanent fix, but the permanent fix will be
4 several years down the road. And here we have one of
5 our most popular beaches and popular access points, so
6 there really is a balancing act of making sure we have
7 beach access in the interim till we get the permanent
8 fix in place. So I just wanted you to know that that
9 was happening.

10 MR. DELANEY: Superintendent?

11 MR. PRICE: Yes.

12 MR. DELANEY: Do you have any sense of how many
13 years out the permanent fix is on the list down in
14 Philadelphia?

15 MR. PRICE: No. And it's not the -- the list is
16 the national list.

17 MR. DELANEY: It's national? It's not regional?

18 MR. PRICE: It's the Denver line item construction
19 list.

20 We were very fortunate, and I'm not sure we can get
21 lightning striking at the same place at the same time.
22 The bathhouse was on the national list in Denver, the
23 exact same list, about the same amount of money; 5.2
24 million bucks is what it was on the list for. So that

1 was on our line item construction list. We had gone
2 pretty far down the road with design and compliance, and
3 at some point when they were looking around at projects,
4 they had another list that they could fund, and that was
5 the 20 percent rec fee money. So they picked our
6 project off that shelf because ours was ready to go.
7 You know the term *shovel ready*? It was basically shovel
8 ready, ready to go. So out of the fee money we collect,
9 we keep 80 percent of it in the Seashore to support
10 Seashore activities and staff projects. Twenty percent
11 of that goes to the national fund. That's the case of
12 all the parks that collect fees around the country. So
13 they have the same requirements to spend earnest monies
14 down on infrastructure projects as we do. So that's
15 where that money came from, and that project was that
16 attractive. My sales pitch to them is the Herring Cove
17 North project is in the same boat. All the compliance
18 is ready because of Dave --

19 MS. McKEAN: Dave Porter.

20 MR. PRICE: Dave Porter and Childs Engineering were
21 basically in a Class C+ estimate, so it's not, as a lot
22 of these projects are, at a much more elementary level
23 that requires a lot more work from the Denver side.

24 So like I said, I'm not sure if lightning would

1 strike twice. I'm going to talk to senior people in the
2 Park Service, including down in Washington. And they're
3 kind of feeling like Cape Cod got theirs. "You got your
4 \$5 million project already." But I think there's going
5 to be a lot of pressure, especially with the Centennial
6 coming up, especially with sustainable projects at
7 coastal environments that will be able to say, "Hey,
8 this one will work. Let's get behind that one."

9 So I don't -- I really have no idea.

10 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thanks.

11 MR. PRICE: That's one way of saying that.

12 MR. THOMAS: A figure in your head, that 20 percent
13 that you send off -- we send off, how huge is that?

14 MR. PRICE: Well, we bring in a million five a year
15 between rec fees and the permits for the off-road
16 vehicles, so it's really not that much money.

17 SCIENCE AT THE SEASHORE AND INVENTORY & MONITORING,
18 INCLUDING NPS NETWORK

19 MR. PRICE: As part of our program today, one of
20 the things we talked about doing intermittently, we've
21 committed and given you updates on our science programs,
22 specifically -- sometimes it's specific to bird
23 programs, sometimes the Herring River. Today we wanted
24 to offer you just an update on our science program and

1 the Atlantic Research Center in general. I think that's
2 an important piece for you all to be intimate with.

3 This morning I invited Dr. Jason Taylor, who's the
4 division chief for our natural resources and science
5 division, and he's going to talk a little bit about
6 inventory and monitoring science, and including our
7 involvement with the NPS Network.

8 I should tell you, by the way, as he's queuing up
9 his PowerPoint -- so we actually have about four things
10 for the screen today. So Jason's the next one on
11 Centennial. Mark has a piece about the *Live Lightly*
12 *Campaign*, and Lauren has a couple of slides about the
13 NStar projects. I only say that because we don't
14 usually do this many PowerPoints.

15 Jason, thank you.

16 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 MR. PRICE: I should say that one of the reasons
18 that I think it's appropriate for Jason to be doing
19 this, he's had his year-plus anniversary at the
20 Seashore, so he's had a chance to figure out how to get
21 around, where the really unique spots are, and learn
22 what the science program is all about.

23 MR. TAYLOR: How to get around? Don't turn left.

24 (Laughter.)

1 MR. TAYLOR: That's the first thing that I learned.

2 Thanks, George.

3 Actually, I just want to say it is a pleasure to be
4 here. I love talking about the science program. It's
5 fun to be able to tell our story, and I'm willing to
6 tell it to anybody who's willing to listen.

7 So the Division of Natural Resource Management and
8 Science at the Seashore, the little tagline down there
9 is advancing scientific knowledge and management
10 decision-making. I'm going to talk a little bit about
11 the division as a whole, just a couple of slides, and
12 then I'm going to talk specifically about the applied
13 science program.

14 So the Division of Natural Resource Management and
15 Science currently is comprised of 15 people, 15 full-
16 time or multiyear employees. And of those 15 people on
17 the team, there are five PhDs, there are a handful of
18 master's degrees and many more bachelor's degrees. It's
19 a very well-educated, well-published, well-respected
20 within the Park Service and within the scientific
21 community group of people. It's really fun to work with
22 them.

23 We had a student come in a few years ago and
24 recognized Bob Cook. "Is that Bob Cook? *The* Bob Cook?

1 The one that I read all their papers about?" There was
2 this excitement of recognition that there was a special
3 person here that they wanted to meet.

4 So what do we do in this division? There are
5 really four containers of work that describes almost
6 everything we do; resource management, applied science,
7 education and outreach, and then the administrative
8 piece. So we're going to focus wholly today on the
9 applied science and education piece, really the
10 education from the perspective of how we disseminate
11 science information.

12 So in a nutshell, if you take applied science and
13 education together, we're talking about monitoring
14 research and outreach, and it's really all about
15 detecting, understanding, and communicating the message
16 of the natural resources within the Park. Detect,
17 understand, communicate. That's a message that's
18 prevalent throughout the story here. We're going to
19 talk about applied science.

20 And there are really two programs of work that I
21 want to touch on, and one is our Cape Cod ecosystem
22 monitoring program, and the other George mentioned, is
23 the Atlantic Research and Learning Center. So we'll
24 start off with monitoring. I should say because

1 monitoring helps us understand what's happening. It
2 helps us understand the status and trend of the
3 resources in the Park. It won't necessarily tell us why
4 things are changing or what kind of relationships exist,
5 but it tells us what it is. The research piece actually
6 helps us address the question of why, why things are
7 changing and help look at those cause and effect
8 relationships that we might observe with our monitoring
9 program.

10 So the Cape Cod ecosystem long-term -- there's a
11 key there -- long-term monitoring program is intended to
12 be -- it's a forever kind of process. Some of the data
13 that we collect we've already been collecting for, say,
14 40 years, (inaudible) monitoring data. The intent,
15 though, is that this is to be long-term, and the design
16 is such that we're trying to address some long-term kind
17 of questions. So the entire foundational premise for
18 the long-term monitoring program is this thing called
19 vital signs. And vital signs are very much akin to a
20 vital sign you might think of for a human. So your
21 blood pressure, your heart rate, those things, those
22 indicators that a doctor would measure about you as that
23 first high pass understanding of your health. We have
24 the same kind of thing from an ecological perspective.

1 So vital signs in the Park look something like air
2 contaminants or visibility, marsh birds and salt marsh
3 nekton and wetlands and the topography of the landscape
4 and the surface water dynamics. So these kind of things
5 that we measure, which isn't everything about everything
6 in the Park, but it's those high-level things that we
7 want to know something about because they're indicators
8 to the health of the rest of the system. So those vital
9 signs can be broken down into a number of containers.
10 They're in climate kinds of things, things that talk
11 about vital signs that refer to biological integrity,
12 geology and soils, the landscape as a whole, and water
13 in a number of different ways.

14 So for each of these vital signs, the intent is to
15 collect data in a very specific way and turn that data
16 and the information -- information into knowledge to
17 support decision-making. So just an example here. So
18 each of these different monitoring protocols that we
19 complete during a year, to create one of these vital
20 signs starts from a very rigorous place. There's an
21 entire protocol developed that's based upon statistics
22 and modeling and what have you, but the point is that
23 we're not just out there collecting data to collect
24 data. There's an intent. There's a set of questions

1 that drive what we're doing. There's a structure behind
2 what we do, and there's just a reason why we're there.

3 And specifically what we're collecting, we go out
4 year after year for each of the vital signs. We're
5 collecting information across many years. Some we
6 collect every year. Others we collect every other year.
7 Some we might collect every third or fourth year. But
8 all that data that we collect is aggregated. It accrues
9 through time, and we use that information through time
10 to understand the current state of a resource, the
11 historical range and variation of that resource, and
12 where we currently fall in that range. If we're really
13 lucky or we have science to back it, we can understand
14 what those thresholds of change mean. So in some cases,
15 the ecosystem is in maybe poorer quality or better
16 quality or somewhere in between, and if we have those
17 kind of thresholds of change, we can assign relative
18 values of condition. And that's the colors you see
19 here, the greens, yellows, and reds. They're kind of
20 like a scorecard. It's like a stoplight. Green is go.
21 Everything looks okay. Just keep doing what you're
22 doing. Red is we have concern here. We need to stop
23 and look, maybe do some research and actually try to
24 understand. And the yellow are those places that are

1 either going up or coming down, depending on the
2 context. But we have that kind of information, those
3 indicators, that scorecard for every vital sign that we
4 measure in the Park. We feed that information back to
5 squad, and then they can help us understand, the
6 leadership team in the Park -- to help us basically make
7 management decisions to impact hopefully in a positive
8 way these particular resources.

9 All right, so that's the what. That's the status
10 and trend. The why things are happening or the cause
11 and effect is largely driven by science, and the program
12 at the Park that we use or we facilitate science through
13 is called the Atlantic Research & Learning Center. So
14 the ARLC or the Research Learning Center is one of 19 of
15 these research learning centers across the country. And
16 the mission of these research learning centers are just
17 here. So one, to facilitate the use of parks for
18 scientific inquiry. There's stuff. There are
19 ecosystems. There are organisms in this park. There's
20 a cultural history in this park that makes it special
21 and makes it useful for scientific endeavors. We want
22 to support science-informed decision-making. So we take
23 that science, we communicate it back to the decision-
24 makers, and then help in actually managing the park,

1 communicate that relevance to the public, and also make
2 those data, all the data that have been collected under
3 the guise of that research available to the public,
4 integrate that into education and outreach programs so
5 we're constantly feeding information about natural
6 resources to our inter and education division. And then
7 just generally this idea that we're going to connect
8 parks, partners, and the public in this case in the
9 pursuit of research and education.

10 So the big ideas, really big ideas under this
11 research learning center idea, and it's working here
12 now. So just an example from 2013. It's the only
13 complete year that I've been here. So there were over
14 35 local, national, and even international organizations
15 conducting research within the Seashore and fiscal '13,
16 and we don't need to read all of them, but some big
17 names; Harvard, the National Marine Fisheries, Woods
18 Hole down here, UMass in a number of varieties, all the
19 way to Australia. They're all over the world. They're
20 predominately in North America, but some around the
21 world.

22 And just a few examples of folks conducting
23 research. Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies is
24 helping us out with a coastal change study looking at

1 sediment dynamics in the Park. We had the Department of
2 Energy here with that Two-Column Aerosol Project looking
3 at climate change in the Park, trying to be able to
4 collect data to feed into global climate models. There
5 are other studies about climate change in the Park and
6 our paleo forest down at Coast Guard. Last summer there
7 was a project led by NOAA to actually tag -- to GPS tag
8 seals from the Park boundary. There's really
9 interesting seal/shark dynamic outcome that could come
10 out of that study. A fair amount of work about
11 heathlands. And a project that's been underway to some
12 level that's going to really get underway this year is
13 looking at Roseate terns, endangered Roseate terns and
14 the fact that like 85 percent of all Roseate terns in
15 the Northwest Atlantic population come to the Seashore
16 each fall. So trying to understand the dynamics of the
17 Roseate terns visiting the Seashore. So just a snippet
18 of the kind of research that's occurring within the
19 Park, and there's a whole bunch more.

20 So if you pile them all together, again, in 2013
21 there were 13 different long-term monitoring efforts,
22 and so one monitoring effort might be many vital signs.
23 So a whole lot of work going on in relation to
24 understanding the status and trend of resources. There

1 were 32 projects, specific monitoring efforts. We
2 didn't talk about those, but those are the kind, like
3 the Herring River restoration, where we want to deploy
4 some monitoring scheme so when the restoration occurs,
5 we know what actually worked when it was done; 50 plus
6 different research efforts permitted in the Park with
7 those 35 institutions and 12 citizen science efforts.
8 And we'll come back to citizen science in just a minute.

9 I just want to touch a little bit on looking
10 forward. So this year, 2014, and going forward there
11 are a number of really cool projects that are underway.
12 I mention this Roseate tern study. It's continuing and
13 building the number of partners; the USGS, Mass.
14 Audubon, Virginia Tech and so on. We have the Herring
15 River baseline work. You saw some of the Herring River
16 fish passage stuff this morning. That's going on in
17 cooperation with USGS. The Center for Coastal Studies,
18 our climate change vulnerability project and coastal
19 instability in relation to sea level rise. So there are
20 a couple of projects where we're trying to understand
21 how the coast is changing, how the sea is rising, how
22 all those dynamics work together.

23 Heathlands high-resolution elevation mapping, we're
24 not going to have time to talk much about that today,

1 but this is really cool. Really super high-resolution
2 elevation maps with all the salt marshes and trying to
3 understand how the salt marshes are keeping up, their
4 sediment load is keeping up with sea level rise, if they
5 are or if they're not, and what that means to management
6 in the Park.

7 And then another Center for Coastal Studies-related
8 project, submerged resources mapping, where we're
9 actually going to try to map the subsurface within the
10 -- the subtidal area within the Seashore boundary
11 looking at the substrate, looking for cultural
12 artifacts, looking for habitat, trying to understand
13 what those vulnerable places are that might actually,
14 say, for example, channel wave energy to create onshore
15 terrestrial damage or overwashes and so forth in the
16 future with future coastal storms and increased sea
17 level rise and so forth.

18 Okay, back to citizen science. This is a program
19 that a number of people have been involved in over the
20 years, but the citizens science program here at the
21 Seashore, the big ticket item is the Phenology program.
22 So Phenology being the study of timing of lifecycle
23 events. So we're actually part of this national
24 Phenology network, and we have a lot of partners that

1 are involved in this particular progress -- or this
2 project. Along with that, timing of flowering and
3 budding of plants and these kinds of things, we're
4 looking at freshwater wetlands and vegetation, dune
5 shore communities, ice dynamics when the ice comes on
6 the ponds, when it leaves the ponds, salt marsh
7 vegetation and so forth. All of these things are
8 indicators of climate change, if this comes under -- or
9 comes out later every year, leaves earlier, whatever
10 those impacts for the ecosystems are.

11 So that's actually Dick Spokes there. He's a heavy
12 computer -- heavy contributor to our citizen science
13 program. In fact, I think he's now a leader of
14 volunteers for that particular program.

15 So citizen science for us, it fills two roles. One
16 is we just don't have enough people to collect all the
17 data we want to or need to about climate change and its
18 impacts in the Park. So citizen science provides an
19 opportunity to leverage a community of people that are
20 interested in contributing, so more manpower, but also
21 there is this opportunity for an experiential learning
22 opportunity, to get people into the field, to learn
23 about the Park and learn about its resources. It's this
24 idea that we've come across in Richard Louv, this idea

1 of *Last Child in the Woods*. Not only is there an
2 opportunity to get adults involved here, but there are
3 opportunities to get children involved, high school
4 students involved with collecting data about natural
5 resources in the Park, and hopefully they learn to love
6 a little bit about walking trail science.

7 All right, so then the last piece here is
8 education. So the Research and Learning Center hosts a
9 variety of science outreach opportunities and
10 engagements throughout the year. The keystone or the
11 capstone of that is the Science in the Seashore
12 Symposium that's held roughly each August. It will be
13 our fifth Science in the Seashore Symposium this year,
14 but other times throughout the year we're doing tours,
15 do technical assistance meeting interviews. We're
16 working on publications of various forms, contributing
17 to the science community in general, largely around the
18 ideas that are meaningful to management of the Park and
19 the Park resources but contributing outside the
20 boundaries of both the Park and even of the Park
21 Service.

22 All right, so a couple more slides. So we do a lot
23 of work. We do a lot of monitoring. We do a lot of
24 research. We manage resources throughout the Park.

1 We're not isolated in what we do. So with our I&M
2 program, we're part of this broader concept of national
3 inventory and monitoring network or program. And this
4 particular program was designed such that parks that had
5 similar ecological characteristics were clustered
6 together. And there are 32 of these I&M networks around
7 the country. We happen to be part of one that's called
8 the Northeast Coastal and Barrier Network. Parks from
9 Cape Cod, the northern end, Fire Island, Gateway down to
10 Assateague and so on, all of those parks that have
11 barrier beaches and sandy beaches as a primary ecosystem
12 component. The systems are similar. The things we
13 monitor are similar and so forth.

14 So all of the data that we collect in this park
15 actually rolls up to a regional I&M network so then they
16 can then start to compare the status and trend of our
17 resources in the Park against other parks with similar
18 ecosystem types, issues, challenges, and opportunities.
19 So all of our information rolls into the network. It's
20 then used for additional decision-making at that level.

21 So if you want to learn more about the Northeast
22 Coastal and Barrier Network, they have a really great
23 website. They store all kinds of information in there.
24 They have overviews of the I&M brochures, reports,

1 protocols, monitoring plans, just all kinds of
2 information about our park and other parks that are part
3 of that network. We have somewhere I guess sitting out
4 there still -- we have handouts with you or for you with
5 each of the websites for these different places on them.

6 One other group that it's worth pointing out that
7 we work with is -- they're called Cooperative Ecosystem
8 Studies Unit. And it's a consortium of partners around
9 the country that provide an opportunity -- the easiest
10 way to say it is to effectively pre-vet potential
11 partners. So as an individual becomes a member of
12 institution or a member partner of this CESU, then we as
13 the National Park can go directly to the CESU and work
14 with those outside entities from a research perspective
15 and bring that onboard much easier than if we were to
16 start from scratch externally.

17 Our particular CESU is the North Atlantic Coast
18 Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, and the two
19 partners that I know of on the Cape are the Provincetown
20 Center for Coastal Studies and the marine biological lab
21 at Woods Hole. There may be others, but I'm not
22 familiar. So those two entities we can work with quite
23 directly, and it's pre-vetted through this particular
24 process.

1 So that's the content of what I wanted to share.
2 The last three slides are just screen captions of
3 websites.

4 So I just wanted everybody to know that over the
5 last year we spent quite a bit of time updating the
6 information about nature and science in general in the
7 Park on the Park's website and then about the programs
8 that I just shared. So the Cape Cod Ecosystem
9 Monitoring program, there's all kinds of information
10 there, resource brief, protocols, all kinds of
11 information about what we monitor and why we monitor it,
12 some of the results, reports and publications around
13 that website, and then the Research and Learning Center.
14 So you can learn more about research, education and
15 outreach. There are some really cool videos on that
16 site about some resource activities in the Park. Some
17 more information about the staff, research permitting
18 system and so forth are all available on those websites.

19 I'll stop there and ask if there are questions.

20 MR. DELANEY: Terrific. What a great agenda. I'll
21 just add from the Center's perspective, my scientists
22 are just thrilled to be able to have such an abundance
23 of expertise that both collaborates and complements what
24 we do here. So it's terrific.

1 How about some questions? Ted?

2 MR. THOMAS: Linking the mercury count in the
3 larvae of the dragonfly, is that to see how it enters
4 the ponds or the fish? The mercury in fish? Just put
5 it together for me so I -- it sounds interesting that
6 that's something you study.

7 MR. TAYLOR: That's a very good question. I don't
8 know the answer to that.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MR. TAYLOR: It's definitely a bioaccumulator
11 study. That's one of those citizen science projects
12 that I don't actually know much about. I can get a very
13 direct answer for you, though.

14 MR. THOMAS: It just seemed interesting that you'd
15 -- you're studying the mercury in the larvae, and I
16 would imagine the fish eat the larvae.

17 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah, they're definitely taking tissue
18 samples, and then we also take -- we don't. The state
19 does. It takes tissue samples from the ponds. So I
20 suspect there is a direct correlation. I don't know the
21 answer to that.

22 MR. PRICE: One of the things, just as a comment,
23 I've been shocked since I've been here. I think we've
24 posted like a dozen ponds now that say *No pregnant women*

1 *or children should eat the fish*, and that's because the
2 fish that you catch are basically the number one
3 predator. So you're right. They eat the larvae, which
4 then are -- which are down in the mud, which is where
5 the mercury is located. So that was one of the
6 indicators that we were talking about as far as the
7 overall impact.

8 MR. TAYLOR: I haven't actually seen the
9 presentation of that yet.

10 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

11 MR. SPAULDING: I knew obviously you were doing the
12 studies, but I had no idea of the number of people or
13 the quality of the people. How often does someone like
14 you stay in one place? is my question. In other words,
15 you're here and you're learning about this national
16 seashore. Is there a kind of a norm as to somebody with
17 your scientific background and how long you stay
18 somewhere and where you'll travel?

19 MR. TAYLOR: I think I'm the new guy in my group.
20 So there are a couple of people in the natural resource
21 division that have been for 20 years-ish. Yeah, I'm
22 definitely the new guy. So there's not one right answer
23 for anybody, but what I have learned is that Cape Cod is
24 a place that people consider special, so sometimes when

1 they come, they don't leave. So we're fortunate in that
2 way that if we can attract really good people -- and we
3 do attract really good people -- that there's a
4 likelihood they're going to be around for a while.
5 There are definitely some parks where there's a high
6 level of turnover, but I haven't seen -- I haven't seen
7 nor heard of that in the staff in this particular area.

8 MR. SPAULDING: The next sort of goes to my
9 question. It's not that you'll go somewhere and there's
10 a period of time, like three years, five years, where
11 then you're going to go somewhere else, and that's not
12 necessarily the case.

13 MR. TAYLOR: That's not necessarily the case.

14 MR. PRICE: Larry, there are multiple answers to
15 that question. The first thing I wanted to mention is,
16 again, the Cape is special. We have the highest amount
17 of scientists on the East Coast for the National Park
18 Service with the exception of the Everglades. Typically
19 parks like ours would have had -- and before the big
20 influx of resources, basically -- if you remember the
21 name John Portnoy, John Portnoy was one of like three
22 people here before the big influx. That would have been
23 more typical. We've received money to create the
24 research center. We received money to really build up

1 the I&M network. That's why we have the money to help
2 with the larger thing.

3 Since I've been here, Jason is the fourth chief of
4 natural resources and science, and so I finish nine
5 years in February. So the reality is, depending on the
6 individual and the interest and all that, it depends on
7 how mobile people are, but it's not like the Park
8 Service days when I joined where, after two or three
9 years, someone in that position would be tapped on the
10 shoulder. Now it has to do more with their initiative
11 as to what they want to do with their career.

12 MR. DELANEY: Sheila?

13 MS. LYONS: No, I was going to ask -- and we had a
14 great conversation. I mean, I see that you have listed
15 up there the Cape Cod Commission. And you're relatively
16 new to the area, and I think we talked about the 208, do
17 you know about the 208, which Lauren -- Lauren has
18 attended religiously, so she's the (inaudible) person on
19 that.

20 But we are doing a flyover, and you were saying you
21 were doing the aerial photos. Did you ever connect on
22 that because that was -- that was the thing that we were
23 doing for the towns? Every town has to do it. I guess
24 you have to do it. And we needed that information on a

1 regional basis, so we offered to -- and it was a very,
2 you know, high-resolution effort that was being done so
3 they could identify -- they needed to be able to look at
4 stormwater drainage. So it was going to be very
5 detailed in its picture taking. So instead of every
6 town doing it on their own and like, say, Orleans will
7 do it in 2002 and Wellfleet doesn't have enough money to
8 do it till 2004, so they do theirs -- so it's all out of
9 sync. You don't have one picture of the Cape. So we
10 needed that as well. It would be helpful to everybody.
11 And so we proposed that if we put up the money and the
12 Commission put up the money, then the towns paid very
13 little. I mean, we saved over a million dollars overall
14 to the towns by (inaudible) in this one-time shot. Did
15 anyone reach out to the National Seashore on that? Is
16 it something you could partner on since you have in
17 federal and this is for the state?

18 MR. TAYLOR: I don't know the answer to the last
19 question, but I did actually talk to Mark Adams, who's
20 our GIS specialist, and he was aware of what's being
21 done. So I was the one that was out of the loop.

22 MS. LYONS: Okay. I mean, those things, if we can
23 work together to save monies like that, everybody can
24 get their own piece and look for what they want. I just

1 want you to be aware that we have to be in that -- you
2 know, I'd want you to have that communication with us.

3 MR. TAYLOR: The reality is the more sources of
4 imagery that we have, the better. I mean, if it were up
5 to me and we could afford it, I'd take an image every
6 week. I mean, the beaches are so dramatic. It changes
7 so much.

8 MS. LYONS: Yeah, I agree. I have pictures almost
9 every week of some of the Seashore. I could show you
10 the changes.

11 MR. DELANEY: That's a good suggestion, though.
12 The Commission has --

13 MS. LYONS: Yeah, there should be a good
14 communication just to see if there is a place where you
15 can legally share. Sometimes there's those lines that,
16 you know, even though it makes sense, no, you have to go
17 over there and back, get your backpack (inaudible) even
18 though we're right here. So those types of things I'll
19 introduce you to and to be aware of, and Lauren knows
20 the Commission a lot. Rich works with, you know -- as
21 does George.

22 MR. TAYLOR: I was just going to say thanks for the
23 time.

24 MS. LYONS: Thank you.

1 MR. TAYLOR: And it was a very high-level teaser.
2 So any of the information that you saw, that you'd like
3 to know more about, I'm happy to sit down with anyone.
4 I can come back and introduce the individual topics.
5 I'll definitely find out about the mercury and
6 dragonflies. Next time I'll be able to answer that
7 question.

8 MR. THOMAS: How about the aerosol, that study, is
9 that finished now? Do we get a copy?

10 MR. PRICE: Well, it's finished from our -- it was
11 going to take two years or so or more to wrap it up.

12 MS. McKEAN: There's only been an annual report
13 that I'm aware of. I'm on their mailing list now, and I
14 think it's just going to be multiple, multiple papers.
15 I'm not sure if there will be a report beyond their
16 annual report that we're just a part of. They had
17 worldwide deployments, and so it was like just a couple
18 of pager, but every now and then a paper's coming out.
19 And they're to provide those papers to Megan Tyrrell,
20 who's the research coordinator. So we can check in with
21 Larry -- Dr. Larry Berg, who's the principal
22 investigator. He was thinking that they would roll out
23 over a number of years, and I have seen some of the
24 titles have just not been -- I think I saw one title so

1 far that seemed to be related to our (inaudible)
2 projects because there are hundreds that they're doing
3 all the time. So there will be just one report.

4 MR. DELANEY: Thanks, Jason. Very interesting.

5 MS. LYONS: It was great. Thank you.

6 MR. DELANEY: Moving on.

7 MR. PRICE: I thought it was an opportunity to meet
8 Jason, and depending on how much time we have with the
9 agenda, we've got another short video perhaps. Because
10 one of the things, as he said, with the role of the ARC
11 is really getting our information about what we're doing
12 with science out to the public.

13 CENTENNIAL OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

14 MR. PRICE: So switching gears but sticking with
15 visuals. So what's coming up on 2016, you might want to
16 know, is the Centennial of the National Park Service,
17 and the director and the National Park senior management
18 have really been working on developing plans and
19 projects and what is it that we're going to be about.
20 The director and his staff have put out some feelers
21 specifically that they're asking superintendents to
22 share with partners, so that's in the spirit of this
23 presentation this morning.

24 And I thought rather than me trying to verbally

1 rehash what he said, I thought I would just show you
2 this YouTube video that he did because I think it's
3 pretty all-inclusive and it kind of lays out there
4 what's going on, and it's up to us locally to decide how
5 much or how little we'll actually do. You ought to know
6 for the 50th anniversary, that was the big last splash,
7 Mission 66, that was done. That was the auspices as to
8 how we actually got our infrastructure here at the
9 Seashore. So the Visitor Center and the restrooms and
10 the parking lot, that's all known as Mission 66
11 architecture. So this time it's less focused on
12 infrastructure and more on programs.

13 So let me just play this for you.

14 MR. DELANEY: We're about to have a first in 293
15 meetings of the Advisory Commission. We're going to
16 actually have a YouTube showing here.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. DELANEY: We're going modern, guys.

19 MS. BURGESS: There we go. What next?

20 MR. ROBINSON: Let's tweet it out.

21 (Laughter.)

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23 (Video is played.)

24 NPS SPEAKER: The National Park Centennial in 2016

1 is our opportunity to reintroduce ourselves to a new
2 generation of Americans and invite each of them to be a
3 part of our second century of stewardship. It has to be
4 much more than a one-time celebration.

5 For nearly 100 years, people have been coming to
6 us. Now it is time for us to take the parks and the
7 critical work we do in communities to the people. It
8 won't be easy. Nothing worthwhile ever is. But this is
9 one of the most important things we will do during our
10 tenure.

11 A central piece of this effort will be a public
12 awareness initiative that will build relevance,
13 connection, and support for the work of the National
14 Park Service and our family of partners. To help us
15 succeed, I've asked the National Park Foundation, our
16 national charitable park, to help lead this effort.
17 Through their generosity, we've added a world-class
18 communications partner, Grey Advertising, to the team.
19 Together we spent much of the last year talking to
20 employees, partners, visitors, stakeholders, and even
21 people who have no contact with us to understand what
22 they know and don't know about the National Park
23 Service.

24 What we're doing boiled down to this. When

1 Americans think about the National Park Service, they
2 see a handful of big distant parks out West. That makes
3 them happy but limits our relevance to their lives. We
4 learned that if we take the time to explain the depth
5 and breadth of the 401 national parks and historic
6 preservation and outdoor recreational work we are doing,
7 often in their own neighborhoods, people quickly see
8 that we offer more than a once-in-a-lifetime amazing
9 vacation. From unparalleled learning opportunities for
10 their children to close to home hiking and biking
11 through our rivers, trails, and conservation assistance
12 program, to a revitalized downtown made possible by our
13 historic tax credit program, Americans see how our work
14 adds value to their lives every day. No group is more
15 positively moved and motivated by this knowledge than
16 the millennials, the diverse and multicultural
17 generation that will most influence our future. We also
18 heard loud and clear that every age group when given the
19 opportunity to participate is engaged to help us succeed
20 in our mission.

21 Each of you knows how important every dollar is to
22 our organization and the vital help public and private
23 partnerships can provide. This research shows that
24 while most people don't know they can help us, once

1 told, they are very excited to do so. All we need to do
2 is ask. The Centennial is our opportunity to make that
3 invitation to millennials and all Americans, to
4 introduce or reintroduce ourselves and our work to every
5 American and encourage them to join us and take action
6 together. To do that, we will help people redefine
7 their understanding of what park means and invite every
8 American to find their park.

9 Here's what I mean.

10 NPS SPEAKER: What is a park? Sure, it's a place
11 that has trees and grass and furry creatures, but a
12 park, a national park is much more than that. It's more
13 than just the physical space. It's the sense of pride
14 that comes from a visit to the Statue of Liberty or what
15 you can learn at Thomas Edison's house. It is the
16 gratitude that comes from natural disaster relief
17 efforts and the sense of community borne of cultural
18 resource outreach programs. These are all the things
19 that a park can be; a place, a feeling, a state of mind,
20 and they're all made possible by the hard work and
21 dedication of the National Park Service. So get up, get
22 out there, and find your park.

23 NPS SPEAKER: The public launch of our *Find Your*
24 *Park* campaign will be in early 2015 with the National

1 Park Foundation and a partnership with other great
2 American brands. It will offer opportunities for people
3 to connect with us, share their stories, and join the
4 reinvigoration of an inherently American conservation
5 and preservation movement.

6 Here is a sneak peek of what that will look like.

7 SPEAKER: Here are a series of print ads that will re
8 reinforce the *Find Your Park* message. The bold Park
9 graphics we'll receive that you may or may not use as a
10 park will intentionally stop the public and make them
11 pay attention, such as the Thomas Edison lab with copy
12 that reads "Some parks owe their existence to plate-
13 tectonics and continental drift. Others owe it to human
14 ingenuity and the undying will to succeed."

15 Print communication will also feature initiatives
16 like the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
17 program. The headline here reads: "An unspoiled place
18 to observe the natural cycle of life or a place to find
19 new life in brick and mortar." And the copy reads "The
20 Federal Historic Tax Incentives program encourages
21 private sector investments in the restoration and
22 preservation of historic buildings, creates jobs, and
23 revitalizes neighborhoods." And dual visuals can depict
24 two very diverse sites, such as Yellowstone and the

1 Federal Hall National Memorial. The copy here reads:
2 "A park is a place of ancient beauty. A park is also
3 the preservation of culture, community outreach, and a
4 link to our past, things that are almost as old and
5 every bit as beautiful."

6 SPEAKER: My park? Glacier. I've been going there
7 for years.

8 SPEAKER: My park? Is preserving my culture and
9 heritage.

10 SPEAKER: I find my park to connect with nature.

11 SPEAKER: I found my park when I wanted to kind of
12 explore the U.S.

13 SPEAKER: Learning our history is my park.

14 SPEAKER: My park is wherever my kids smile.

15 SPEAKER: I came from a very modest family growing
16 up on Long Island. I don't even think I knew what a
17 national park was. So I signed up for the *Geology of*
18 *Your National Parks*.

19 SPEAKER: The national parks are woven into my
20 memories of growing up as a first-generation Portuguese-
21 American in California.

22 SPEAKER: I've never been to Texas, so I said,
23 "Sure, why not? Let's go to Texas. Where are the
24 national parks there? Where can I do some backcountry

1 camping?"

2 SPEAKER: I find my park every year when I visit
3 Gettysburg. I'm a Civil War buff.

4 SPEAKER: It really shapes my understanding of a
5 community, not just for being a place to gather with
6 your friends and family, but for being a place to
7 celebrate one another and to continue to forge new
8 memories.

9 SPEAKER: My park is remembering what it is to be
10 American.

11 SPEAKER: Online mostly, but I need to get out
12 there more.

13 SPEAKER: Bought a plane ticket to El Paso, drove
14 down to Big Bend National Park in Terlingua, and from
15 then just became friends with the Park rangers, did a
16 bunch of backcountry camping, and just found a new love
17 for camping and the outdoors.

18 SPEAKER: And ever since I took that class I
19 decided that I was going to see Yosemite and Sequoia and
20 Joshua Tree. I don't even know if I can name them all,
21 but it's my goal just to get there.

22 SPEAKER: I find my park to clear my head.

23 SPEAKER: I've always been fascinated by the way
24 that everyday objects take on a sort of meaning much

1 beyond what they actually are. I mean, I remember as a
2 new arrival in the U.S. standing out and looking at the
3 Statue of Liberty, and I remember thinking in that
4 moment how I was connected to all the people that had
5 passed through there before and all the people that
6 lived it. And for me, that's what the park means to me.

7 SPEAKER: My park is where I'll always remember the
8 words of MLK.

9 SPEAKER: My park is the ground I run on to prepare
10 for my marathon.

11 SPEAKER: My park is my solitude.

12 SPEAKER: I find my park every year when my
13 grandfather and I plan our annual trip.

14 NPS SPEAKER: The campaign will use all channels of
15 21st Century communication; print, TV, events,
16 partnerships, promotions, news media, social media,
17 digital, and mobile to reach every American with our
18 invitation to find your park. And when they do, we want
19 them to bring home memories to remind them of that
20 connection. We need a way for people, those who have
21 always been supporters and the new folks who will be
22 just getting to know us, to show their connection to us,
23 their pride in what we do, and their support.

24 To that end, the arrowhead will be getting a

1 cousin, an additional tool to our graphic identity
2 family that we will use when the arrowhead is not
3 appropriate. Now, let me be very clear. The arrowhead
4 is not going away. It's a proud symbol of the National
5 Park Service that will always be here and front and
6 center into our second century. The new mark is an
7 addition to the family that will give us added
8 flexibility to showcase our brand.

9 Another addition is the new look for the National
10 Park Foundation that makes it clear that the foundation
11 is also a member of the family and recognizes its
12 critical role in sustaining the work of the National
13 Park Service and expanding the national community of
14 supporters.

15 Soon we add a special Centennial logo. We will
16 have the option we need to represent all of our efforts
17 and those of our friends and our partners for the
18 Centennial and beyond.

19 Speaking of friends and partners, this centennial
20 is about you too. *Find Your Park* is for all of us, and
21 we can't do it without you. Public and private
22 partnerships are an integral part of our past and our
23 future. We are so lucky to have the support of the
24 National Park Foundation and the countless other

1 organizations that have made our first 100 years a
2 success and will help us make the next century even
3 better.

4 This campaign and the myriad of other efforts
5 underway under the Centennial banner will help us bring
6 the parks to the people, to introduce our collective
7 work to those we work for, the American people, and
8 invite them to take action and join us. The success of
9 this effort will depend on each of us doing our part
10 just as you continue to make achievements as a part of a
11 call to action. We will work together with all our key
12 partners to position the National Park Service for its
13 second century of stewardship and public engagement.

14 This is an exciting time for the National Park
15 Service and our community of partners. Thank you.
16 Thank you for your support, your dedication, and your
17 passion for our mission.

18 (End of video.)

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20 MR. PRICE: Somebody said, "Smile, John."

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. DELANEY: He remembered just at the end.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MS. LYONS: I know.

1 MR. PRICE: Well, I wanted to share this with you.
2 It was supposed to be this in-house thing, but I felt it
3 was very important because I thought it really sums it
4 all up. Obviously some of us are just getting over our
5 50th anniversary celebration with the Seashore a little
6 while ago, but here we've got the Centennial of the
7 whole National Park Service. And there could be
8 opportunities to capitalize and to build on this
9 initiative, and certainly our Friends group and other
10 partners are ways that we want to do it.

11 Kathy and senior staff and I are working on trying
12 to put in infrastructure projects that could be funded,
13 like the parking lot, like redoing the amphitheaters and
14 a bunch of other things. But I did want to throw it out
15 because I didn't want to presume anything about the
16 Commission and the commissioners or what your particular
17 interest may or may not be. But as we move along in
18 this, if there's some way that we want to have an
19 official representative work with the Park staff or
20 something like that, I think we could certainly talk
21 about it.

22 MR. SABIN: When is the actual anniversary? '14 or
23 '15?

24 MR. PRICE: '16.

1 MS. BURGESS: '16.

2 MS. LYONS: '16, so you have a year, year and a
3 half.

4 MR. THOMAS: The kickoff wasn't till '15.

5 MS. BURGESS: '15, right.

6 MR. CRAIG: Early '15.

7 MS. LYONS: Early '15. That's not much time.

8 MR. THOMAS: No, it's not, especially (inaudible).

9 MR. DELANEY: So what's your pleasure? Any
10 brilliant ideas for the Commission to itself?

11 MS. LYONS: Can we do fundraisers?

12 MR. DELANEY: Well, I don't know.

13 MS. LYONS: Can we do that?

14 MR. DELANEY: Well, that's partly what I think the
15 Friends group is, its primary mission. We could combine
16 with them potentially, let them be the nonprofit that
17 does the fund-raising. I'm not sure that's in our
18 charter, but we could certainly -- I would assume, and
19 I'll look into this -- be a partner with the Friends.

20 MS. LYONS: You know, a fundraiser helps get your
21 word out, and if it's done right, you can do it through
22 social media. Then you can tag on to it. Do they have
23 a Friends webpage?

24 MR. PRICE: Yes.

1 MS. LYONS: It's awful that I don't know that, but
2 I should.

3 MS. McKEAN: There was an e-mail blast that came
4 out today too, if anyone wants that.

5 MS. BURGESS: Did you have an idea, Chairman?

6 MR. DELANEY: No, I don't yet, but I think -- thank
7 you, Superintendent, for bringing to our attention early
8 on so we have some time to think about this. 2015 will
9 be here shortly, but still it would be nice if we had
10 something that we could contribute to an ongoing part of
11 the Park or our own thing.

12 MS. LYONS: Right.

13 MR. DELANEY: I mean, after all, we've been around
14 for -- I keep spouting this number, but 293 times,
15 citizens like ourselves, predecessors have come
16 together. So we have -- this commission has had a
17 pretty significant role to play in this particular park.

18 MR. ROBINSON: Our 300th will be in the Centennial
19 year.

20 MR. DELANEY: Oh, yeah, we'll make our 300th.
21 That's a good idea; 50 years, 100th anniversary, and
22 300th meeting.

23 MR. PRICE: Well, also the point that each town has
24 their own initiative -- I mean, each town has been

1 contributing all these years.

2 MS. LYONS: Right, and they're all going through
3 their -- some anniversaries are hitting the towns.
4 Right now Wellfleet's (inaudible).

5 MR. DELANEY: And we are still one of a kind --
6 almost one of a kind. There are no -- are we the only?

7 MR. PRICE: Oh, no, you were just the first
8 commission.

9 MR. DELANEY: First statutorily established
10 commission.

11 MR. ROBINSON: First and best.

12 MR. PRICE: And unlike most of the other
13 commissions, you're still around. Most of the other
14 commissions were usually around like just for the
15 startup or for a new GMP or for something. The one in
16 Lowell was around for 15 years, so that was reauthorized
17 for three years.

18 Joe was just reminding me that this commission's
19 reauthorization is 2018. So we'll have to go through
20 the reauthorization bit again. The only commission that
21 has no sunset clause is the one for the Boston Harbor
22 Islands.

23 MR. DELANEY: Mark?

24 MR. ROBINSON: I don't know how to implement it or

1 find an expression for it, but I think the one thing we
2 ought to connect is more of Cape Cod to the Park and not
3 just the Lower Cape towns. You know, there's a lot of
4 disconnect. I live up Cape in Barnstable, and I have
5 two high school sons, one who likes to hike around with
6 me out here. We do that. And the other one is getting
7 ready to go off to college and says, "You know, I don't
8 know anything about the National Seashore," and I was
9 very embarrassed. I'm going to have the conversation
10 with him.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MS. LYONS: It's about time, Mark.

13 MR. ROBINSON: Am I blushing?

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. ROBINSON: But I think that that's a fairly
16 common attitude. You know, when you're up Cape, you
17 don't go down there.

18 MR. DELANEY: That's a good point. I like that.

19 MS. LYONS: Well, you know, my feeling -- you know,
20 my aunts and uncles -- it seems like you come to an area
21 on Cape Cod, and then that's your area. Then if you
22 were lucky enough, you get a little house there or
23 something like that. So I kept seeing these pictures.
24 I'm talking 25 years ago, 30 years ago, but these

1 beautiful dunes and these like California beaches. And
2 I'm like, where are these? I don't see any of these.
3 And then, you know, one day -- and even when you come
4 down the road, you don't see them. You know, you get
5 all the way to Provincetown. Where are they? You know,
6 of course, you have computers and everything else that
7 actually help you out. You could go research it, like
8 in a library. God forbid. But, you know, people don't
9 know. And they live right here, and they never leave
10 that section. If they go to or if they move to that
11 town, they don't leave that town, and that town is it.

12 And I agree. There's a whole buy-in that needs --
13 I mean, the state of Massachusetts should be aware that
14 they have a national park -- well, many national parks.

15 MR. PRICE: Many national parks. It depends on how
16 you count. I always count twenty, but it's actually
17 tech-- -- because there's like three parks under one
18 superintendent and that sort of thing, but there are
19 about seventeen in eastern Massachusetts, and then
20 there's the Springfield Armory, and then there's the
21 Appalachian Mountain Trail.

22 The recommendation, Rich, I could say, we're
23 expecting to have a new staff person join us in the next
24 month or so who's going to be very energetic, and I'm

1 hoping she's going to help me orchestrate what it is
2 that we want to do as a staff. And I think we could
3 probably have an organizational meeting where we could
4 invite someone representing the Commission, someone from
5 the Friends, someone from the Chamber of Commerce to
6 start with, at least do some brainstorming as to see
7 what are the opportunities here.

8 I've got to tell you. Carol and I went to the
9 movies over the weekend, saw that Kevin Costner movie
10 about the football draft.

11 MS. TEVYAW: *Draft Day*?

12 MR. PRICE: *Draft Day*. I thought it was a great
13 movie, by the way. At the very end -- excuse me. Wrong
14 movie. In the previews, they were talking about that
15 Disney movie that's coming out about bears, and at the
16 end they talked about the National Park Foundation
17 because some of the proceeds from that movie are going
18 to go to the National Park Foundation to support parks.
19 So that graphic you saw of the Park, the sideward
20 arrowhead, was already depicted in that.

21 MS. LYONS: Oh, good.

22 MR. PRICE: So it's already --

23 MS. LYONS: So they're getting there --

24 MR. PRICE: They're talking about rolling it out in

1 '15, but that was out there this weekend, at least I
2 saw.

3 So is that it? And then you all obviously -- I
4 don't know if you want to do a subcommittee. I don't
5 know if you want to do any of that stuff, but I just
6 thought the clock's already ticking.

7 MS. LYONS: Can I add one more thing into the mix?

8 MR. DELANEY: Sure, go ahead.

9 MS. LYONS: I'm not sure if everybody read it here.
10 There is going to be an oyster conference here in 2015
11 as well. That's going to be in the month of October, so
12 it's just coming right in before. And there are going
13 to be people from all over the world. The Oyster --
14 International Oyster --

15 MR. DELANEY: Society.

16 MS. LYONS: -- Society meets. The last country
17 they met -- they've never met in this country. It's
18 about eight years old. Their scientists from all over
19 the world just met in Vietnam last year. It was in
20 China the year before, and some other European country,
21 maybe Greece, was one. But they are studying the
22 oysters, and everybody's bringing their information
23 around the world about oyster culturing and what's going
24 on with oysters because obviously it's an indicator of

1 many other things. So somebody from here who actually
2 belongs to that oyster society went to it and invited
3 the president here for a vacation because she was trying
4 to get them to host it here, and indeed they are.

5 So that's going to be in 2015. It's going to start
6 with the Oyster Fest. They're going to be living out
7 here and going up, and there's going to be a series of
8 different meetings and introductions. And then they're
9 going to tie it up at the Sea Crest Hotel with Woods
10 Hole. So there's going to be a big symposium of
11 scientists the last three days, and then the final day
12 they're going to release their work and give it out to
13 the public and probably have a celebration of some kind.

14 So it's a vehicle where you could get a lot of
15 adverti-- -- and even maybe buying it. I mean, we'll
16 keep you posted, but there's always opportunities to get
17 the word out or even that partnership, which is going to
18 go even further than the United States when it comes
19 out. And there are going to be a lot of people from the
20 United States -- parts of the United States that you can
21 capture with knowledge of it. So it's during that time.
22 Just keep that in mind.

23 MR. DELANEY: Ted?

24 MR. THOMAS: Just briefly, maybe work on what the

1 national level is doing and just reinvent yourself. I
2 just think some of the programs that are already
3 existing here in the Park, maybe give them new titles.

4 I recently went to -- there was a talk at the
5 Outermost House at Salt Marsh. Very nice, great talk,
6 real interesting. People I had never even met before
7 and had never even seen one of them, except for my wife
8 met her before. It could have been better attended.
9 Although it was well attended, it could have been better
10 attended. A park that I happened to be going to this
11 winter, they have things called *After Dark in the Park*,
12 which is kind of a little catchy thing. But it's just
13 similar things where you go to the headquarters and you
14 --

15 MS. LYONS: They walk you through the park.

16 MR. THOMAS: Well, they walk you through different
17 things. I mean, theirs is all about volcanoes. Here it
18 could be about whatever we do here.

19 MS. LYONS: I did do one of those in the evening
20 where you went out at night.

21 MR. THOMAS: A night walk.

22 MS. LYONS: A night walk.

23 MR. THOMAS: Right, there's those too.

24 I think it's just a catchy rewording or the

1 wording, *After Dark in the Park*.

2 MS. LYONS: Yeah.

3 MR. THOMAS: There are quite a few things this park
4 offers.

5 MS. LYONS: Yeah, it doesn't have to be any -- that
6 way you have a broad range. You can name it anything.

7 MR. THOMAS: And I think just maybe retitle it,
8 reinvent the things we already have might be the key.

9 MS. LYONS: Yeah, something for people to think
10 about.

11 MR. DELANEY: Mark?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Well, I'm just trying to develop in
13 my own head what do I mean by reaching out. I think
14 there are lots of clubs and activities, groups that --
15 that probably their hang-up at the schools is probably
16 transportation and insurance. Is that always an issue?
17 I don't know. But Barnstable High has this terrific
18 astronomy teacher, and he was just given kudos from the
19 Cosmos show, Mr. Gyra. And he's taking the kids out
20 tonight, weather permitting, to see the lunar eclipse at
21 Sandy Neck. Well, you know, the moon's even better up
22 here, right?

23 MS. LYONS: Right.

24 MR. ROBINSON: You know, I mean, just the Scouts.

1 The other environmental education center is up
2 Cape. I don't think probably they ever come out here.
3 Maybe it, again, is a transportation issue, but could we
4 find some subsidy in order to help support
5 transportation, bus fees, and things like that? The
6 Thornton Burgess Society has access to lots of kids,
7 lots of groups like that. So it's not just the same,
8 bless their hearts, Wellfleet Bay Audubon. They're
9 doing things up here. There are other groups who could
10 hop on a bus for a half an hour.

11 MS. LYONS: Tap into us. Right, right.

12 MR. DELANEY: Well, if we take this theme of *Find*
13 *Your Park* and we reinvent it here -- and you're saying
14 there are a whole bunch of people not too far down the
15 road, like Barnstable and Sandwich, who need to find our
16 park --

17 MS. LYONS: Right.

18 MR. DELANEY: -- and figure out how we facilitate
19 that. Either we invite -- like make a list of 20
20 organizations and invite them all to come up for a day
21 at a time and be host to them and show them around. But
22 find our park locally.

23 MR. ROBINSON: And even just regional groups that
24 tend to want to meet in Hyannis and Barnstable,

1 including my own group, maybe we could meet out here. I
2 don't know if the building's open after 7 o'clock for
3 nonprofits to meet.

4 MR. DELANEY: We could make something happen.
5 Yes?

6 MR. NUENDEL: I've seen that firsthand this
7 weekend. I do the visitors desk at the Salt Pond
8 Visitors Center. This person comes in and says, "You
9 know, I live here on Cape Cod, and this is the first
10 time I've come into this building. I've hiked all the
11 trails." He says, "This is a wonderful place."

12 MS. LYONS: Right, there you go.

13 MR. PRICE: Even Nate Lambert said that last year
14 on the radio. He said he drove past the Visitors Center
15 all the time usually going to Coast Guard Beach. He
16 went to the Visitors Center for the first time, and he
17 actually said good things about us on the radio.

18 MS. LYONS: Wow.

19 MR. ROBINSON: There are so many -- so many
20 (inaudible). I mean, I've talked to a lot of groups
21 over the years. Sometimes you get blown away. The
22 Osterville Garden Club, okay, you walk in there, and
23 there's 125 people. Mostly women, not all. Maybe they
24 would like to come and see what a coastal heathland

1 looks like.

2 MS. LYONS: Yes, and they're well-heeled. You're
3 right.

4 (Laughter.)

5 MR. PRICE: I've done a lot of public speaking
6 during the 50th anniversary, and that was one of the
7 groups.

8 MR. ROBINSON: The Chatham Retired Men's Club, you
9 haven't lived until you've spoken to that group.

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. ROBINSON: You have to sing around the piano
12 *She'll be Coming Around the Mountain When She Comes in*
13 order to get the show on the road there.

14 MR. DELANEY: Well, thank you. We'll keep this
15 discussion going the next couple of meetings.

16 MR. PRICE: Sure.

17 MR. DELANEY: And perhaps we will find a theme and
18 then somewhere a few of us can help pursue it.

19 All right, George.

20 MR. PRICE: All right, a couple of other topics.

21 IMPROVED PROPERTIES/TOWN BYLAWS

22 MR. PRICE: We don't have any new information on
23 town bylaws, but there are a number of things that are
24 standing.

1 HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION

2 MR. PRICE: The Herring River Restoration, you
3 ought to know that the MOU III Committee has been
4 meeting on a regular basis trying to hammer out the next
5 phase. They're still anticipating an environmental
6 impact statement both for the -- it's really a state,
7 county, and federal initiative that will be coming out
8 in the fall.

9 MR. DELANEY: George, is there including some
10 federal funds that were recently allocated for Herring
11 River?

12 MR. PRICE: Well, the Herring River Friends group
13 has actually received a number of different donations
14 from different organizations, including some federal
15 monies.

16 MR. DELANEY: I know the Congressman's been pretty
17 active helping with that.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. NELSON): Yeah, we have been.

19 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, yeah.

20 MR. PRICE: This morning we saw the work done at
21 this one particular culvert off of Kings Highway and
22 where the people from NOAA have actually put in these
23 electronic devices. So they're tagging the fish in the
24 bay, and then they put these electronic sensors, kind of

1 like when you go through the toll both, to be able to
2 track the fish from coming out the run itself, both
3 coming and going. So it will be very interesting to see
4 how that works out.

5 SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT PLANNING

6 MR. PRICE: Not a lot to say on the rest. We're
7 still working on the shorebird management plan coming
8 out sometime this summer/fall. I'll have some other
9 updates on that.

10 POTENTIAL SMOKING POLICY AT THE SEASHORE

11 MR. PRICE: Two things that are actually not
12 officially listed on my report, but the one thing I
13 wanted to bring up, and maybe you can talk about under
14 *New Business*, it came up again recently -- it came up
15 last year, but it came up again now, and that is I've
16 been requested by both a number of visitors and by staff
17 to consider making our guarded beaches nonsmoking. Now,
18 in the Park Service, that's not anything I'm familiar
19 with. Last year when the request came up, we had people
20 do some research, and a number of the towns already have
21 them. I know my town of Barnstable there's no smoking
22 on the beaches. A number of the towns when we contacted
23 the town staff said, "Well, maybe if the Seashore did
24 it, we would do it as well." So anyway I throw that out

1 as a concept because now I've been approached by another
2 national seashore where their community is asking the
3 exact same thing, and again, their local towns have a no
4 smoking policy. When we polled our lifeguards and our
5 fee collectors, they say that now is the single
6 complaint they get from visitors because of the
7 secondhand smoke they get from the next blanket.

8 So the concept would be -- a guarded beach means
9 where the lifeguard is. So that's where the lifeguards
10 are, and you'd have markers to let people know. So
11 you'd still be allowed theoretically to smoke outside of
12 that area, but if we were to implement this, that's how
13 it would be implemented and that's where the enforcement
14 would happen.

15 MR. DELANEY: So are you saying you'll be looking
16 into this a little further, or what's the next step, if
17 anything?

18 MR. PRICE: Well, this was, frankly, my next step.
19 I think this is the appropriate type of thing. I
20 thought I would ask you all as representatives to the
21 towns.

22 MR. DELANEY: Let's have some reaction to it.
23 Larry?

24 MR. SPAULDING: I guess the question is, does your

1 legal counsel say that's something you have the
2 authority to do?

3 MR. PRICE: Yes.

4 MR. DELANEY: My thought right off the bat is, you
5 know, we do our beach cleanups and find marine debris
6 and litter on the beach, and there's always an
7 inventory. Cigarette butts are not the biggest by
8 volume, but the biggest numerically. They're always out
9 there, and they become dangerous for wildlife and
10 everything else. So for a natural resource protection
11 as well as secondary smoke impacts, you have two good
12 reasons to move forward with this.

13 Ed, were you going to say something else?

14 MR. SABIN: No, as a nonsmoker, I'm in favor of it.

15 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

16 MR. THOMAS: Lead by example. Lead by example.

17 MR. DELANEY: Sheila?

18 MS. LYONS: Yeah, I haven't thought much of it
19 until I was at a beach, and then you could smell it or
20 someone's got the cigar.

21 MR. DELANEY: It carries powerfully across the
22 blankets.

23 MS. LYONS: Yeah, it really is.

24 MR. THOMAS: Lead by example.

1 MR. DELANEY: Yes, Joe?

2 MR. CRAIG: It was just passed in Chatham this past
3 year, and the initiative came from the middle school. A
4 bunch of kids at the middle school wrote it up, and so
5 it was passed just this past -- so it will go into
6 effect.

7 MS. LYONS: Was there a lot of pushback on that?

8 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

9 MS. BURGESS: You could have a little sign:
10 *There's no bath side guard. If you smoke, you drown.*

11 MR. CRAIG: The biggest pushback came from Sean
12 Summers.

13 MR. PRICE: *Great white sharks love cigarettes.*

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. DELANEY: There was an interesting exchange
16 down there. Good question. Was there some pushback in
17 Chatham?

18 MR. CRAIG: Yes. Yes, there was.

19 MR. DELANEY: For what particular reason?

20 MR. CRAIG: It was political. It was political.
21 If you're going to start there, where are you going to
22 stop? To the visitors coming from Chatham, how much can
23 you (inaudible)?

24 MR. SPAULDING: Did Chatham pass it as a board of

1 health regulation or a town meeting vote?

2 MR. CRAIG: Board of health regulation.

3 MR. DELANEY: So that's legit then, Larry. That's
4 authority to do that, yeah.

5 Mark?

6 MR. ROBINSON: I think one of the differences is a
7 lot of the town beaches are limited in their width, so
8 it's hard to get away from people who sit outside and
9 smoke. But if you've got 30 miles out here to spread
10 out, right?

11 MS. LYONS: I know.

12 MR. ROBINSON: I mean, you have to walk a little
13 further to get away from the guards, but it's not a
14 question of width.

15 MS. LYONS: It isn't, yeah. I mean, it really is
16 just not being around others. It's not being courteous
17 really if you can smoke that cigarette and they want to
18 lay there on their blanket.

19 MR. PRICE: I mean, I must admit --

20 MR. SABIN: Just go beyond the guarded area.

21 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

22 George?

23 MR. PRICE: Frankly, the superintendent that I
24 spoke with last week, they were thinking about

1 prohibiting smoking altogether on their entire length of
2 the beach. I always look at it as how enforceable? You
3 can't enforce that.

4 MS. LYONS: Right, it's going to be tough to
5 enforce, and then when people smoke, you know, these
6 butts, there should be at least something about that,
7 that those are an environmental hazard.

8 MR. PRICE: Sure.

9 MS. LYONS: You know, if they get washed in.

10 MR. THOMAS: It already says on the pack, you know,
11 that --

12 MS. LYONS: Well, I know, that it's not
13 environmental. It's --

14 MR. THOMAS: -- it's a hazard to yourself.

15 MS. LYONS: Yeah, but I mean, not even --

16 MR. PRICE: It doesn't sound like anybody's
17 feeling, just anecdotally here, that that would be an
18 awful thing to do.

19 MR. DELANEY: I think you have an initial sense of
20 the Commission that we would be quite supportive of you
21 moving forward with such an action.

22 MR. PRICE: Well, the answer is yes, I will
23 continue to think about it. I don't know frankly my
24 legal process, if I have time for this season because of

1 the public notice and all that sort of thing. What it
2 would be would just be our Superintendent's Compendium,
3 which would be the way that it would be posted, and then
4 we would post it with signs and all that sort of thing.

5 MS. LYONS: Saying -- encouraging not to smoke?

6 MR. PRICE: No smoking allowed in guarded beaches.

7 MR. THOMAS: Just don't spend a lot of money on it.

8 MS. LYONS: Yeah, you know, the (inaudible) would
9 do it.

10 MR. THOMAS: Save the money. I mean, it's one of
11 those things. I mean, courtesy says you wouldn't smoke
12 right next to somebody, and you shouldn't be smoking,
13 but I'd much rather see money spent on a building or a
14 facility or replenishing the beach and so forth.

15 MS. LYONS: I agree. They are outdoors. It's a
16 hard argument because it's outside.

17 MR. THOMAS: But it's a good thing to do.

18 MS. LYONS: It is.

19 MR. THOMAS: It's a good thing to do.

20 MS. LYONS: It just reinforces it.

21 MR. DELANEY: One more thing. Larry?

22 MR. SPAULDING: I think, George, if you were to
23 come before them -- Rich was talking about the
24 statistics of the beach cleanup, and you had some of the

1 staff about some of the issues with the smoking -- you
2 probably could get, if you wanted advice from us and
3 opinion, if you gave us some information on which we
4 could base that advice, that we would be in favor of
5 restricting the smoking at guarded beaches in terms of
6 that process. Now, we just sort of talked about it, but
7 I think if some of the staff came and you had some
8 statistics about it, that would give us some information
9 on which we could give you some advice.

10 MR. PRICE: Sure.

11 MR. DELANEY: Well said. Initial reaction and
12 consensus, if you want a real position, we'll be happy
13 to do that. Good, okay.

14 NSTAR SPRAYING PLANS, CLEARING ALTERNATIVES
15 AND UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS

16 MR. PRICE: And then finally I just wanted to --
17 this kind of dovetails with your Old Business about the
18 NStar. As luck would have it, Lauren actually had a
19 meeting with NStar officials this morning, and we'd be
20 prepared to give you just a little bit of an update, if
21 you would like, and perhaps a couple of photographs
22 about the location.

23 MS. McKEAN: Yeah, we beat you to the Herring
24 River, so you'll see some pictures.

1 Kevin McCune, who's the environmental specialist
2 who's been involved with four other projects in the
3 past, Bill Hayes, one of the arborists, and Paul
4 Sellers, another arborist, came. Bill and Paul are
5 representing two different projects. One starts May 1,
6 and it's from the (inaudible) substation down to
7 Orleans. So in the Park boundary, that's from just a
8 little south of Lecount Hollow Beach to the
9 Eastham/Wellfleet town line. And I've actually got
10 those pictures at the end. And so that is a mechanical
11 removal via small skid-steers, buckets, and hand
12 cutting.

13 So what they propose in the fall from the Park
14 boundary at about Old Hay Road in the northern part of
15 Wellfleet to Collins Road in Truro where it kind of goes
16 up and takes the jag over to the highway -- they are
17 proposing pesticide treatment. They are proposing about
18 the same four chemicals that they proposed in 2009-2010
19 that got put on hold, had been reviewed by our Park
20 Service Integrated Pest Management program at that time.
21 We had some specific ways we wanted to see it be
22 applied; nonhumid days where it wouldn't be volatilized,
23 very targeted to individual trees. They're looking at
24 trying to do it to trees that are waist height and less

1 because it's just easier to get on the foliage instead
2 of trying to round out a whole larger tree.

3 So there are no wells within 100 feet. They have a
4 do not treat zone of 50 feet from wells. So last year
5 they did the mechanical there, and you can see the
6 results of that. And their target was pitch pines,
7 waist and below, like I said, like red oaks. They're
8 looking to -- well, I'll show you a couple of slides.

9 So that's the Herring River right there at Black
10 Pond Road, and looking up the right-of-way to the top of
11 the hill, top of the hill is the Park boundary. So you
12 can see that there's not a lot in that area that really
13 needs to be done. Some down by the river, and there's a
14 little thicket up by the fence, and then a little
15 beyond. But it's in pretty good shape because, again,
16 mechanical removal was done last year.

17 This is a section you probably saw as you drove by
18 to see Herring Run. Up the hill had been just treated
19 with the mechanical removal. Then this is the right-of-
20 way that leads to Collins Road. I'll just leave you out
21 a couple slides to Collins Road. Not a lot, but the
22 tall stuff in the right-of-way. This was right in the
23 right-of-way where they're going to treat, and they said
24 this is what they're looking to do. This is what they

1 want as an aftereffect, the result, and it's already
2 happened in a couple of places.

3 So here you can see -- kind of on either side
4 you're going to see some lighter stuff here on the left
5 and right, and that's the scrub oaks that are going to
6 probably come out in shoots again. You know, those
7 little oak stumps that when you cut them in your yard?

8 Then there was some really nice heathland in the
9 next hump, and this takes you all the way up to Collins
10 Road (indicates). So you do see that you've got those
11 oaks that are going to sprout out in summer. That's
12 what they want to treat.

13 MS. LYONS: Did they show you how they were going
14 to treat them?

15 MS. McKEAN: Well, they have a backpack.

16 MS. LYONS: But it is a backpack and it is directly
17 on the branch?

18 MS. McKEAN: Yeah.

19 MS. LYONS: I've seen them, yeah.

20 MS. McKEAN: Yeah, and they mentioned you from the
21 county group.

22 MS. LYONS: Yes, the county group. We spent a
23 little time together.

24 MS. McKEAN: And then we just went south of

1 Marconi. This is where they're doing mechanical, and
2 you can see why. Because it's too tall for them -- you
3 know, to try to put stuff on all of that would be a lot
4 of pesticides. And so it's the off year, and this is
5 about four years of growth, I think.

6 I just have a couple more slides. So this is what
7 they'll be doing all the way down to the Orleans area.

8 MR. ROBINSON: The video that the *Cape Cod Times*
9 posted on their website showed the backpack applicators
10 treating trees even taller than that probably near
11 Sandwich and West Barnstable, that area.

12 Why is there a different policy down here?

13 MS. McKEAN: Well, I just said let's get out there
14 and see what's really out there so that I can tell you
15 all what's out there.

16 And this is -- let me just finish the last slide,
17 Fresh Brook. I said, "Okay, so what do you do when you
18 come across this situation?" They'll go down the bank
19 to about the end of the pines and then mechanically
20 remove the oaks down below and pull them up so they
21 won't -- they're not going to drive through the wetland.
22 So this is kind of representative of the things they're
23 going to encounter down to the town line and then down
24 to Orleans.

1 They said they're willing -- they do meetings with
2 folks, so they're willing to come to your next meeting
3 if you wanted to invite them.

4 And why would it be different? Maybe just because
5 the vegetation is different and the treatment has been
6 different over the years. It's lower veg, lower veg
7 here.

8 MR. THOMAS: So, Lauren, what you're saying is they
9 manually cut and then they inject the cut?

10 MS. McKEAN: It's cycles. So this year the
11 vegetation management south of Marconi will be
12 mechanical.

13 MR. THOMAS: Mechanical?

14 MS. McKEAN: Next year we presume they may come
15 back --

16 MR. THOMAS: Whatever comes back, then they --
17 okay.

18 MR. PRICE: It's not inject like we do with the
19 Phragmites. I think it's just a spray on the foliage.

20 MR. THOMAS: Spray on the foliage. Instead of
21 spraying on the cut wood.

22 MS. McKEAN: In that case, it's still visible.
23 They would do the --

24 MS. LYONS: The drop. It's like they drop it right

1 onto the --

2 MR. THOMAS: On the cut?

3 MS. McKEAN: Yeah.

4 MR. THOMAS: On the cut, right?

5 MS. McKEAN: Yes.

6 MS. LYONS: So they do that or --

7 MR. THOMAS: Regardless, it is sprayed on.

8 MS. LYONS: It is, but, you know -- and everybody
9 thinks I come up -- go ahead with that.

10 MS. McKEAN: No, go ahead.

11 MS. LYONS: Everybody thinks I am in defense of
12 NStar and I'm not, but, you know, here's -- there's only
13 so much you can do when you have a public mandate and a
14 federal mandate. You've got to keep electricity going.
15 They had the Department of Natural Resources on their
16 case with the clear-cutting. You're killing the turtle,
17 box turtles, and the little cotton -- white-tailed
18 cotton bunnies, and other indigenous species that we
19 don't want cut that are getting cut with the stuff you
20 want cut.

21 So how do you do this? So the Natural Resources
22 actually developed their vegetation plan so that it
23 would be as environmentally safe and acceptable as they
24 could even accept. So what the plan was, is that they

1 would cut, clear-cut for one to two years and spray on
2 the -- you know, there's a cycle. So you cut/you spray.
3 You cut/you spray. And then that is in the hopes of
4 keeping those taller growths down. So you cut the
5 trees. Now it's a matter of maintaining them, you know,
6 letting them die off hopefully, and you let the natural
7 brush and the blueberries and the cranberries to fill in
8 and the bayberry.

9 If you ever go across even the highways -- and a
10 great example is if you get off at Exit 7 and you go
11 towards Route 6A, there is a power line that has -- that
12 looks like that, but it's all grown in now, and it's all
13 green. It looks like blueberry bushes underneath. So
14 they don't have to touch that anymore. They just go
15 around and just prune the edges coming off the branches.
16 They'll go and cut these branches. They don't even have
17 to spray.

18 So the plan was that was in place, and then after
19 about five years, you would be not using any pesticide.
20 It would just be a matter of keeping the trim because
21 now you're just dealing with small amounts of trim. If
22 it had ever been let to go through the five-year plan,
23 we probably would have just been on -- they would have
24 been right where they were supposed to be with no

1 pesticide, but no one would hear that. No one would
2 hear that. And when I tried to clear the air and have
3 this meeting so all of that could be out, no one wanted
4 to hear it then either. You know, I was an apologist
5 for them. But I wasn't. I was just trying to say, you
6 know, "It stinks, but if we can work together, we might
7 only have like two years of this. And we can demand
8 it's targeted. We can demand it's applied in a certain
9 way. We can put those conditions on it."

10 So the only thing I could do was get them to do a
11 moratorium because we could hold the -- they were doing
12 the NStar. They were doing their -- they were putting
13 in new pipes and infrastructure, so we could hold that
14 up until they agreed to have this moratorium. And
15 that's when we got them monitoring the met wells. We
16 tried to have a consensus built during this time, but no
17 one was hearing it. And that is what they planned,
18 which, you know, considering I think they were working
19 with the National -- the Department of Natural
20 Resources, the federal government mandate, the state
21 regulations, which the state is much more stringent on
22 these pesticides -- like the federal government will
23 give them 25 chemicals they can use. All of those then
24 have to go through like a 10-year review of the state,

1 and the state takes off at least half of those, saying,
2 "No, no way you can have those here." So it goes
3 through a double review in the state of Massachusetts.
4 So there's a lot that people just didn't want to hear.

5 And the other line is, when you look at all of the
6 herbicides and pesticides, if everybody got the
7 education that the National Seashore did, maybe they
8 wouldn't use their Roundup or they wouldn't just spray
9 it the way they spray it, and they would be much more
10 targeted with it. So in all our studies, NStar was
11 responsible for less than one percent of the pesticides
12 and homeowners were responsible for fifty.

13 So just to let you know what the --

14 MR. DELANEY: No, that's an interesting update.
15 Obviously it's an issue that has caused a lot of
16 consternation.

17 MS. LYONS: It's huge and no one wanted to hear it.

18 MR. DELANEY: Just symbolically the fact that we've
19 been talking about protecting a sole-source aquifer
20 religiously for 30-40 years now and all of a sudden we
21 say it's okay for chemicals to go into it, it's hard for
22 people to figure out. And I think in terms of a
23 management approach, you just described one that's
24 probably the best compromise. I know a lot of people

1 are not quite ready to accept that compromise, and some
2 of our political leadership -- other political
3 leadership and people are campaigning against it. I
4 know the Park is in kind of this situation. They looked
5 at the science in terms of how negatively impacting
6 those particular chemicals are and found them to be as a
7 general matter okay, and yet you continue to hear other
8 scientists say, you know, Roundup is a nasty thing even
9 when it's applied correctly. And then you have to think
10 about the cumulative impacts of a lot of people, the
11 other 99 percent of us, who use Roundup even on --

12 MS. LYONS: And we use -- we use at work -- we use
13 it wrong. We use it incorrectly. They are held to use
14 it a certain way with at least a minimal.

15 The other thing I wanted to say is in talking to
16 the activists they understood this. They just wanted
17 them to be the poster child because they were a
18 corporation. "We can go after that. Maybe then we
19 could educate the homeowner."

20 I said I'd much rather educate the homeowner than
21 expend all this wind and energy from us at tackling a
22 federal mandate that, you know...

23 MR. ROBINSON: I still think the distinction to be
24 drawn, though, is that if I decide to misapply Roundup

1 on my own property, it's my own stupidity, my own stupid
2 fault, but to have somebody else have a right to come
3 onto my property and spray pesticides, herbicides,
4 particularly if I'm on a private well, I think that's
5 what's really irritating. I don't care whether it's
6 being done in an environmentally sensitive way. I have
7 a right-of-way. They have the right to do this, but
8 they're spraying stuff that I may or may not be
9 comfortable with on my property next to my well. That's
10 really frightening to a lot of people.

11 MS. LYONS: And that's where we got the 100-foot
12 setback. We established that too. So we got them 100
13 feet as opposed to 50.

14 MS. McKEAN: Well, 50 was the no spray. And they
15 documented the wells within 100 feet, and there are no
16 wells --

17 MR. DELANEY: I'm sorry, Lauren. Say that again.

18 MS. McKEAN: There's a 50-foot no-spray zone, but
19 they documented the wells that are in the 100 feet.
20 There are no wells within 100 feet in this section.

21 MR. DELANEY: In this park? In this stretch of the
22 Park?

23 MR. PRICE: In this section, on the Seashore
24 boundary.

1 MS. LYONS: Well, we did get that -- so maybe it
2 was smaller than 50.

3 MR. DELANEY: More comments and questions?

4 MR. THOMAS: Just a simple that all the (inaudible)
5 still go down into one level.

6 MS. LYONS: I agree, and I'm not arguing either
7 way. I'm not saying they're right, and I'm not saying
8 anybody's wrong. I'm just saying sometimes we just have
9 to look at the whole thing and what was their goal.
10 Their goal was to get to zero.

11 MR. THOMAS: Well, I like their goal.

12 MS. LYONS: And they were working towards it, and
13 they figured it was going to be a couple of years. And
14 they were trying to do as minimal as possible, but no
15 one wanted to work with that. All they wanted to hear
16 was that there was something going on.

17 MR. DELANEY: The other thing that bothers me a
18 little bit too, you know, is we had our storm scientist
19 looked at DDT 30 years ago, said, "Oh, this is
20 wonderful. It's going to kill all the mosquitoes.
21 Don't worry about it." Well, it took another 20 years
22 of science. We found out it's a bad thing.

23 MS. LYONS: Right.

24 MR. DELANEY: So also we had another group of

1 scientists saying, "Well, these particular set of
2 chemicals in the stuff that NStar is using, okay, don't
3 worry about it," but we don't know. So I think that
4 some of the activists are saying, "Let's take the
5 precautionary approach, NStar. Let's not do anything.
6 You've got a lot of people out there with mechanical
7 things, and just set a good example as a good neighbor
8 and win a lot of points for a short amount of money."

9 So I keep wondering why they resist so mightily.
10 You described a nice little term, manage around it, but
11 manage around it is one thing.

12 MS. LYONS: No, I agree, and really the culprit
13 here is like a Monsanto. And this is what we have to
14 demand from the powers that be, that these chemicals
15 aren't made. There are other ways of dealing with this.
16 They're big, powerful companies. They can figure it out
17 in a more natural, less harmful way, and they don't
18 because it's cheaper for them and they make a lot more
19 money. And we're stuck with it. That's what we have to
20 really attack.

21 MR. DELANEY: That's a real driver, yeah.

22 Any more comments on this and discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. DELANEY: I think a lot of us are sharing some

1 continuing concerns. A lot of the community is sharing
2 continuing concerns. I don't think this issue is going
3 to go away in terms of public concern. NStar seems to
4 be pushing ahead, making some attempts to be compromised
5 here and there.

6 I don't know, George, if there's any more for the
7 Park to do at this point. You guys have looked at what
8 they're going to do within the Park boundaries. I
9 believe you've referred to your scientists twice, who've
10 said don't worry. So your best advisors are saying
11 don't worry, but the Advisory Commission --

12 MR. PRICE: Well, it's --

13 MR. DELANEY: Let me just finish. Your advisory
14 commission is at least expressing some skepticism --

15 MS. LYONS: Maybe it was always rumored --

16 MR. DELANEY: -- and we've got a scientific
17 community. We've got -- I think I heard two or three or
18 four comments here saying. So I don't know what help
19 that is to you at this point, but do you want to react
20 to that?

21 MR. PRICE: Well, just that, remember, we actually
22 gave them a letter of restriction from our people. So
23 our national Integrated Pest Management people did the
24 review. I first brought that to the Commission -- I

1 don't know -- maybe five years ago. It was a long time
2 ago. And there was a lot of pushback. You asked me to
3 ask them again, which I did, and they still agree that
4 if it was used in this particular way, that it was not
5 going to be harmful to the environment.

6 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

7 MR. SPAULDING: Are they, in fact, going to do what
8 they're going to do in accordance with what your people
9 have said they can do?

10 MR. PRICE: That's my understanding.

11 MR. SPAULDING: I'm assuming that's the case.
12 They've got our opinion, but now they're doing something
13 other than what our opinion.

14 MR. PRICE: No, no, no. There are two different
15 things. There's your opinion, and then there's the
16 written approval that I've given them in their right-of-
17 way, which they're entitled to do.

18 MS. McKEAN: And it's only good for a year, so the
19 last two letters were 2009 and 2010, which were sent to
20 you after your last meeting. So they need to submit
21 again -- they only came in this morning. I couldn't
22 even get Jason because they were all working together
23 and I just met with them. So it was just the first
24 time. Now they know what they have to submit to us, and

1 they have to submit it to us. And we'll ask those
2 questions again of the IPM guy, the Integrated Pest
3 Management group, you know, if something's changed. And
4 they do screen for environmental and public health.

5 MR. SPAULDING: My question related to we have a
6 group that says, "This is what you can do."

7 Do they have to do it? They do?

8 MS. LYONS: I would think so.

9 MR. SPAULDING: In the Seashore?

10 MR. PRICE: Sure, the requirements within the
11 Seashore boundary.

12 MR. SPAULDING: They have to meet our requirements?
13 It's not a question.

14 MR. PRICE: Right.

15 And sometimes -- I think I mentioned this before --
16 frankly, we've had even on some of the manual cuts when
17 they've had a contractor in there, they have not
18 followed our directions, especially when it came to
19 sensitive sites, and we've issued citations.

20 MS. LYONS: Good.

21 MR. ROBINSON: I guess it's not completely
22 reassuring to think that if Sheila said that the federal
23 list had 50 chemicals and the state list had 25 and
24 we're relying on federal scientists on Cape to tell us

1 it's okay, there's a disconnect there.

2 MR. PRICE: Well, but there's a disconnect on
3 everything. If you take a look at the state list of
4 species, it's like three times larger than the federal
5 species.

6 MR. ROBINSON: If you address these chemicals in
7 one soil type versus another, it seems to me that sandy
8 soils, as we know, percolate nice and easily. Things
9 tend to go down through them even more easily than clay
10 soils. So is the federal scientist sitting and they're
11 looking at clay soils?

12 MR. PRICE: No, they looked at particularly our
13 situation, especially -- I think Harold Irwin was in the
14 meeting the first time I came back with the report that
15 they approved it. Of course, he's well respected in his
16 profession, and so we went back and asked those very
17 specific questions.

18 MS. McKEAN: So if you want to invite them, they
19 said they would come.

20 MR. PRICE: That's a possibility for the next
21 meeting, if you're interested.

22 MR. DELANEY: What's the pleasure of my fellow
23 commissioners?

24 MR. ROBINSON: I don't think it's necessary.

1 MR. DELANEY: Have them come in? No?

2 MR. ROBINSON: What's the point? We might as well
3 ask the NRC to come in and talk.

4 MS. LYONS: I don't like the machine cutting
5 either. I don't like that because I think that really
6 does do a lot of damage. It looks very destructive
7 afterwards. So I don't know what the right answer is.

8 They won't let citizens do it anymore because when
9 they did, that's how you got the New England -- the New
10 York City to New England blackout because somebody
11 didn't maintain it that said they were going to. And
12 that was the end of that. There was no more allowing
13 people to sort of like, "Hey, you know, can I just take
14 care of my own tree, and I promise --" -- and they
15 didn't.

16 MR. PRICE: One of the things just, as Sheila was
17 describing, the ultimate of the spraying and the
18 cutting, the spraying and the cutting in order to get a
19 different type of environment, that's exactly what we're
20 doing out here with the heathland restoration and with a
21 cultural restoration landscape of the Fort Hill. So if
22 you go to Fort Hill now, Dave Crary and his crew had
23 just done a major burn, so it's all black. And the next
24 time around, we'll be doing mowing. Our objective there

1 is to try to ultimately get a better census of native
2 growth in that area.

3 MS. LYONS: Could they do a burn right through
4 these?

5 MR. PRICE: They have in some places already, but
6 that's not what we're talking about here.

7 MS. LYONS: Right.

8 MR. DELANEY: All right, well, I'm not sure -- I
9 hear continuing concerns. I heard some rising a little
10 bit for the superintendent. I'm not sure I see an
11 action point yet. Lauren said they'd be willing to come
12 in and tell us what they're doing again, but I think we
13 know pretty much what they propose through Lauren's
14 meeting this morning.

15 Larry, what do you think?

16 MR. SPAULDING: Well, I don't think we need them to
17 come in now, but when they do, you said they had to
18 reapply, Lauren.

19 MS. McKEAN: Yes.

20 MR. SPAULDING: It would be good when they reapply
21 and we send it to wherever we send it to, to include a
22 list of what the state says is okay.

23 MR. PRICE: Well, they're applying their particular
24 material.

1 MS. LYONS: Right.

2 MR. PRICE: Sheila was just talking about a range
3 of --

4 MS. LYONS: A range, and then they only take about
5 four of those, so many of those.

6 MR. DELANEY: And they're state approved?

7 MS. LYONS: Oh, they're all the state approved.
8 And they do work with the National -- you know, the
9 resource department, Department of Natural Resources.
10 So I'm sure that they're trying to get them to be -- you
11 know, and I agree, that even though they say they're
12 going to go in there with the backpack, "I'm just going
13 to drop here and there," I always -- like it's towards
14 the end of the day -- be like, "Get moving. Let's go.
15 Come on. Let's just do a quick spray here and get out."

16 I do think it wouldn't be bad to be able to have a
17 guide with them or something on different occasions.

18 MR. ROBINSON: Well, we know they violated the wind
19 capacity regulations in Barnstable.

20 MS. LYONS: Well, they do it in Barnstable all the
21 time. They could have the train, spray from the train.
22 That's the worst.

23 MR. ROBINSON: We have a very limited amount of
24 right-of-way here within the Park, is what you told me

1 last time, compared to the Cape.

2 MS. McKEAN: Sure.

3 MR. ROBINSON: So a very limited area is the type
4 of area which they can do by hand cutting. Not
5 mechanical, hand cutting. You can take out those
6 sprouts by hand, and you can take the roots out by hand.

7 MS. LYONS: AmeriCorps, you should see what they
8 did at Thompson Park by hand. I mean, I just looked at
9 it. It's almost all clear, beautiful meadow ground that
10 --

11 MR. ROBINSON: It just seems to me if the federal
12 National Seashore is a special landscape, then it
13 deserves special treatment. We can't tell them what to
14 do outside the Park, but within the Park it seems to me
15 the higher standards should apply. And this is also the
16 part of the Cape, not coincidentally, that has reliance
17 on private wells.

18 MR. THOMAS: I agree.

19 MR. DELANEY: Why don't we invite them to come in
20 so they can hear some of these comments.

21 MS. LYONS: Yeah.

22 MR. DELANEY: If nothing else, they can hear the
23 comments, that we're just not sitting by quietly and
24 buying what they advertise. We'd like to have them hear

1 directly from us some of these personal comments.

2 MR. PRICE: Now, I just feel the need -- Mark, for
3 instance, if you went out and snipped those shoots right
4 now, then that means you have to do it again in a couple
5 of years.

6 MR. ROBINSON: You take the roots out. That's what
7 we did in Brewster.

8 MR. PRICE: Okay.

9 MR. ROBINSON: We took the roots out of everything
10 in that photo, except the big maples down in the black
11 area.

12 MS. McKEAN: Then that area is for mechanical
13 treatment.

14 MR. ROBINSON: Right, they're very shallow root
15 systems.

16 MR. PRICE: And as you already know because of our
17 history of full disclosure, we use herbicides elsewhere
18 in the Seashore. I mean, I've said that before. That's
19 part of our natural resource management program. We go
20 to the same people, the same scientists on a particular
21 project, especially to get rid of the invasive
22 Phragmites and other plants in other environments again
23 to try to reestablish the natural colony in that
24 particular area. So that is one of the tools in our

1 toolbox that we use.

2 MR. ROBINSON: So are invasive species. Those
3 aren't invasive species. Those are Cape Cod flora.

4 MR. DELANEY: Well, I guess I'm not dictating. I'm
5 suggesting. Should we just take a little bit of time on
6 our next agenda and see if they come in and let's have
7 this discussion?

8 MS. BURGESS: I move.

9 MR. DELANEY: One, two. Mark?

10 MR. ROBINSON: Sure.

11 MR. DELANEY: Three, four.

12 MR. ROBINSON: If we can impress on them that there
13 is a third way besides mechanical and pesticide because
14 it's a limited amount. We're not asking them to do 100
15 miles. We're asking them to do a small amount in a
16 nationally protected area.

17 MR. DELANEY: Lauren, would you invite them to find
18 their park?

19 (Laughter.)

20 MS. McKEAN: Whatever day you want. I assume it's
21 about two months from now.

22 MR. DELANEY: Okay, so then we'll ask for a brief
23 -- brief. You can just ask them -- we just want them to
24 come in and hear some reaction for this upcoming

1 proposal and potential future and let them know our
2 philosophy about this place. It is a special place.

3 MR. ROBINSON: We'll be polite and respectful.

4 MR. DELANEY: Yes, we'll be polite and respectful.

5 Okay, thanks, Superintendent. That was under *Old*
6 *Business*, I guess.

7 MR. PRICE: Well, I was wrapping up my report
8 because of Lauren's -- and that was your *Old Business*
9 comments. So I'm complete with mine. Thank you.

10 **OLD BUSINESS**

11 **LIVE LIGHTLY CAMPAIGN**

12 MR. DELANEY: Well, then we had a program that Mark
13 has been instrumental in launching called the *Live*
14 *Lightly Campaign*, and he launched it and told us about
15 it at our last meeting. And I've asked him to give us
16 an update, in fact, continuous updates because this is a
17 -- I think we all thought this was a terrific initiative
18 in partnership with Mark's organizations and local
19 conservation trusts and the Park Service again sharing a
20 really common mission about open space and living
21 lightly on it.

22 So, Mark, do you want to take it from there?

23 MR. ROBINSON: Sure.

24 (Pause.)

1 MR. ROBINSON: On February 3 we had a kickoff
2 meeting at the Salt Pond Center. We had about 50 people
3 attend. I was very happy to have Rich and George work
4 with me to introduce this topic. The idea is very
5 simple, to get land conservation options, techniques,
6 tax benefits out to the 600 people who have private
7 inholdings within the Park as well as other people on
8 the Lower Cape in and around the Seashore area.

9 So we had good representation. There actually are
10 women involved with this effort as well, but it's a
11 coincidence right in this photo. But the Wellfleet,
12 Truro, Eastham, Provincetown, Orleans conservation
13 trusts were all represented through some of their board
14 members. Also very happy to have Dick Ryder announce
15 his support on behalf of the Friends group, and they
16 also helped sponsor some of the printing costs from our
17 booklet.

18 Did anybody not get the booklet yet?

19 So these are going to be distributed to all of the
20 families within the Park in the hopes that they will
21 think about what they can do. Not everybody can donate
22 land. Some people can put conservation restrictions on
23 their land. Other people can think about estate
24 planning with their land. That's when they go to Larry.

1 And other people might want to sell their land perhaps
2 to the town, perhaps to the land trust, perhaps to the
3 Park. But in any case, there's a series of things
4 people can do, and the whole idea of the booklet is to
5 outline those options for them.

6 So we're hoping to get that mailing out this spring
7 through the local land trusts as the sponsors of that
8 outreach effort, and I'll be talking to a number of
9 groups, civic groups, Friends groups throughout the next
10 couple years as they see fit to invite me.

11 But I just wanted to tell you that there are two
12 things going on this spring. One is a purchase by the
13 Truro Conservation Trust of some of the Meldahl property
14 on Route 6 which abuts the Park, and the other is the
15 Carlson property. They would like to restrict half of
16 their property, which is, as you'll see, a very
17 important inholding.

18 This is the Edgewood Farm owned by the Meldahls for
19 a long time. You can see it's one of the older farms in
20 Truro. They're right there on Route 6, a before and
21 after picture. It's always been a beautiful place,
22 about 12 acres in total. And you can see here how it
23 abuts the Seashore. Back in 2003, I think it was, the
24 town used land bank funds to buy a 7-acre piece here

1 (indicates). So that's town conservation land in pink.
2 Purple is Truro Conservation Trust land. So we have a
3 real mosaic of protected open space in the South Truro
4 area anchored, of course, by the Park. So you'll see
5 how the boundary sort of encircles the old farm. You
6 can also see here how the farm has been subdivided over
7 the years. This was back in -- I think it was about
8 1990s at some point. A subdivision road was created on
9 paper to provide frontage for lots made out of the farm.
10 This is the old farm buildings, the house, the barns,
11 the studio here now.

12 And then two lots up on the ridge which have been
13 offered for sale. This is supposed to be a joint effort
14 with the Castle Hill Center for the Arts, which is a
15 Truro cultural institution. They would love to move out
16 here. They're still negotiating with the owners, but
17 the Truro Conservation Trust hopes to buy those two
18 stand-alone lots up on the ridge within the next year.
19 It's a beautiful place at the top of the ridge here
20 (indicates). It looks out towards Ballston Beach across
21 the Upper Pamet. And it's just nice Cape Cod woods, but
22 as you see, it goes up, up the ridge and then looking
23 out over the Pamet Valley. So those are the two
24 building lots, almost four acres in total.

1 The other one is the Carlson property. This is
2 Bill Carlson. He spoke at our February 3 kickoff
3 meeting. Family land that's been in his parents and
4 grandparents since before World War II. And Wireless
5 Road is the dirt road that runs I think north of here
6 towards Lecount Hollow. Wireless I think must have to
7 do with Marconi.

8 MS. McKEAN: Yeah.

9 MS. LYONS: Right.

10 MR. ROBINSON: So anyway, his property, as you can
11 see, is completely surrounded by the National Seashore.
12 And they have a house at the west end, but they have
13 this long, skinny strip. These are the old wood lots
14 that characterized a lot of the Cape in this area. So
15 they still own one of those wood lots. And they have a
16 -- they had a cabin. They rebuilt the cabin as a year-
17 round house now down here, right down by the road
18 itself, and then this long strip running back, oh, about
19 -- it's about 1,254 feet reaching back into the woods
20 (indicates). But you can see how the Seashore owns
21 entirely around the land. So half of it is where they
22 have their house, they have a couple of horses, but
23 they'd like to restrict everything out in the back. And
24 so it's fully integrated with all the big forests that

1 runs north and south, east and west through this area.
2 And again, it's good Cape Cod woods. Nothing really
3 special about it, but it's what they can do. They don't
4 have 10 to 12 acres. They have an extra acre, so they
5 could put a conservation restriction on it. We'll know
6 that it will be forever wild, and it will fit in nicely
7 with the Park and surrounding it.

8 There is a rare species. It used to be on the
9 state list of endangered species, broom crowberry. You
10 can't see much of it here because it's not in blossom,
11 but when it does turn, it's got this beautiful red.
12 This is down near the bay in Truro. But broom
13 crowberry, people around here pooh-pooh broom crowberry
14 because you see it everywhere, but it's globally rare.
15 So it's locally common, globally rare. It's what
16 Wellfleet, Eastham, and Truro have to offer to global
17 diversity, is this plant, because it's so common in much
18 of the Lower Cape. It's no longer on the state
19 endangered species list, as far as I can tell.

20 So that's that, and I hope to give you other
21 updates as we go along, but again, the idea is that not
22 everybody can do a big land donation or a big sale to
23 the Park, but each family can do maybe something.

24 MR. DELANEY: Great, Mark.

1 MS. LYONS: That's great. Congratulations on the
2 (inaudible).

3 MR. DELANEY: And I assume the invitation stands to
4 any member of the Commission who hears of someone else
5 who might want to talk to you about an opportunity that
6 you'd be happy to go meet.

7 MR. ROBINSON: Free private consultation.

8 MR. DELANEY: Okay, so let's keep the word out
9 there. And can I ask you to come back and update us
10 from time to time as we go down the road? Good, okay.

11 MR. ROBINSON: This Truro property is going to town
12 meeting, if anybody's involved with town meeting in
13 Truro this end of April.

14 MS. BURGESS: The 29th.

15 MR. ROBINSON: So vote for it.

16 MR. DELANEY: Or who have friends and family and
17 can spread the word, yeah. Thanks, Mark. Yeah, great.

18 So that pretty much concludes our major items, but
19 we now are open to new business.

20 **NEW BUSINESS**

21 MR. DELANEY: So if any member has something new to
22 bring up.

23 Ed?

24 MR. SABIN: It's sort of like new business because

1 Shirley and I have been on the Cape now for 23 years.
2 We're beginning to think about retiring again. We're
3 going to downsize. Among other things, I need to finish
4 my term on this commission. I think my next meeting
5 will be my last meeting here.

6 MR. ROBINSON: Stay for the Centennial.

7 MR. SABIN: Don has been a very good alternate for
8 me, so I assume that he will be taking my spot. I
9 haven't talked to him about this. This appointment
10 comes from the Secretary of the Interior through the
11 town manager or the town manager through the Secretary
12 of the Interior, one way or another. But I assume that
13 Don will be the next representative. I will be here for
14 the next meeting, the last meeting for me, and then
15 Donald will take over. And I assume that then an
16 alternate will be appointed in Don's spot.

17 So I have enjoyed the association with this group
18 for all these years. I think I've been here longer than
19 everybody in this room, except Lauren, who was the only
20 one who was here when I came.

21 MS. McKEAN: Maybe.

22 MR. SABIN: I think so.

23 MR. PRICE: How many years, Ed?

24 MR. SABIN: I think it's close to twenty, something

1 like that. I don't know exactly. Close enough.
2 Anyway, but it's been fun.

3 MR. DELANEY: Well, that's sad news.
4 Congratulations on your second retirement, however.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. SABIN: I'll be here next meeting.

7 MR. DELANEY: Good. Well, we'll celebrate again
8 next meeting.

9 Any other new business from members? Mark?

10 MR. ROBINSON: At the risk of talking too much, I
11 attended a workshop that was held in Eastham Town Hall
12 sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee about
13 ten days ago, and about 40 people from the community
14 were there. The whole idea was to kind of ground
15 through some of the planning objectives of the town's
16 open space and recreational programs and facilities.

17 It was very well -- well done, a couple of
18 consultants. But they broke us up into groups, and
19 there were nine groups. And then we were supposed to
20 report back about what did we think of priorities and
21 were there other priorities. And it wasn't on the list
22 of priorities, but four of the nine groups on their own
23 came up with a new priority that Eastham ought to be
24 thinking about, which is helping to fix the Red Maple

1 Swamp.

2 MS. LYONS: Oh, this is a big thing. I got this on
3 a -- was it you that sent me that?

4 MR. NUENDEL: No, no.

5 MS. LYONS: Somebody sent me something on the --
6 somebody put a *Preserve for Cape Cod Commission* thing,
7 so of course I liked it, and I put up -- no, I did it on
8 my own website. I put up a picture of the Russians, and
9 I said I was on the National Seashore, that I was
10 honored to be here to participate in this conversation.
11 And somebody said, "What are they going to do about the
12 Red Maple?" I've got to get the person's name. I'll
13 send it to you.

14 But they wanted to know, what are you doing about
15 this, George?

16 I'm glad you brought that up. I meant to bring
17 that up.

18 MR. ROBINSON: My point is that it showed a) to me
19 a disconnect between what the citizenry was thinking and
20 the planning people were thinking because it hadn't been
21 on their horizon, and number two, that through the
22 Community Preservation Fund, Eastham has access to some
23 money that could help subsidize the limited federal
24 money that's available for something like that.

1 MR. NUENDEL: (Inaudible) probably was the one who
2 contacted you, I believe, because he's been talking
3 about this for quite some time. But, you know, things
4 move slow.

5 MR. ROBINSON: It wasn't a one-person crusade. It
6 bubbled up independently from four of the nine groups.

7 MR. NUENDEL: I think that might be the start of
8 that, though. I think he was looking into that.

9 MR. ROBINSON: How would it work, George? Could a
10 town participate financially --

11 MR. PRICE: Yes.

12 MR. ROBINSON: -- with the federal government on
13 something like that?

14 MR. PRICE: A couple of people have felt me out
15 about the idea if monies came from that group.
16 Specifically this has obviously been a trail that's been
17 out of commission now for a number of years. It took a
18 while for us to really get a good estimate.

19 But our estimate now, Kathy, was like a million
20 seven or something?

21 MS. TEVYAW: Yes.

22 MR. ROBINSON: It was a million two last time we
23 came here.

24 MR. PRICE: I know. The issues are complex. I

1 mean, back when these trails were put in in the 1960s,
2 we had no NEPA, MEPA, or any of that stuff to deal with.
3 There was dry weather back then. I literally talked to
4 the foreman of the group that did it. There wasn't even
5 any water. In fact, the first time they did it, they
6 didn't even have boardwalks at either the Red Maple or
7 the White Cedar Swamp area. So it's just a whole
8 different environment now in order to do that work.

9 So we've gone through this about a hundred times as
10 far as the efforts that are going to be needed to hold
11 the previous pilings, put in new pilings, and all that
12 sort of thing. We officially have a plan that we've
13 submitted to our national funding process, which
14 obviously does not have a priority yet, but if there was
15 a contributor for part of those funds, it actually might
16 make it more attractive to try to get other funds as
17 well.

18 MS. TEVYAW: If there were a match, we would have
19 to adjust this project in our system.

20 MR. PRICE: Right.

21 MS. TEVYAW: That would give us points.

22 MR. PRICE: Points.

23 MR. ROBINSON: So Eastham could pass an
24 authorization that would not be actually paid unless and

1 until matching monies came forward?

2 MR. PRICE: Correct.

3 MR. ROBINSON: So it wouldn't cost you anything
4 unless they came to the table?

5 MR. NUENDEL: I think the business community in
6 Eastham's involved because not unless something changed
7 that I haven't heard.

8 MR. DELANEY: Well, keep us --

9 MR. ROBINSON: That's all I know.

10 MR. DELANEY: Well, keep us --

11 MR. ROBINSON: Keep going.

12 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, keep going.

13 MR. ROBINSON: I'm not going to learn anymore.

14 MR. DELANEY: I think I heard Kathy say if there
15 were to be a match, it would increase the point rankings
16 for your project in Washington. So that would be --

17 MR. PRICE: You know, personally I still feel -- I
18 mean, there's no question that it's the National Park
19 Service's responsibility, but when you take a look at
20 the other priorities like the Herring Cove parking lot
21 and a couple of these other things, those are all big-
22 ticket items. So it's certainly going to be a while
23 before we're actually going to be able to come to the
24 table to be able to do something. I would -- just from

1 a fed thinking that a town's going to come up with the
2 money, it obviously shows how important it is to the
3 town. But I think my comment back to the couple of the
4 people that asked me was that I would think there would
5 be other town priorities that would be higher for the
6 town before they were putting money in for federal.

7 MR. ROBINSON: 800,000 to dredge Rock Harbor.

8 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

9 MR. PRICE: So other than that, if there's
10 something -- I haven't heard anything other than the
11 original context months ago. Would it be possible? The
12 answer is yes, but I don't see myself soliciting that
13 money per se out of the Community Preservation Fund.

14 I was around when Betsy Shure Gross and others got
15 that off the ground, and I always envisioned that money
16 going towards other community needs.

17 MR. ROBINSON: I think they have about \$5 million
18 to use in the next five years or something like that.
19 Those numbers might not be right, but it's a significant
20 amount that's available. Now, some of that will go to
21 housing and recreation and open space, but this might be
22 in the mix.

23 The other thing is the town could serve as a
24 vehicle to get some state money. That could be a PARC,

1 P-A-R-C, grant from the state even though (inaudible).

2 So as long as the town applied for it.

3 MR. PRICE: Actually, Kathy, did somebody from this
4 group ask Karst for our submittal?

5 Somebody asked for the scope that we've submitted
6 fairly recently, as I recall.

7 MS. TEVYAW: Well, almost a year ago.

8 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

9 MR. SPAULDING: I'm assuming that the town could
10 come and say, "Here's the plans. If it's acceptable to
11 you, we'll do the contracting. We'll do everything.
12 It's got to go through you and it's got to go through
13 your system regardless of where the money comes from."

14 MR. PRICE: Actually, it has to do with our
15 standards and specs. The money does not have to come to
16 us per se. I mean, often we'll use another party that
17 actually does the work. We just go through an agreement
18 and an arrangement as to how that work would actually
19 get done. So, for instance, when partners do work at
20 parks, that's how it's done. The Friends of Acadia do a
21 lot of work on park property. When I was at the Boston
22 Harbor Islands, the Island Alliance does a lot of good
23 work itself. So they did the fund-raising. They worked
24 with the particular island owner on the needs of that,

1 and then obviously the property owner signs off whether
2 it's a state agency or a city agency. But no, the money
3 does not have to per se come to us.

4 MR. SPAULDING: So Eastham could take a bigger role
5 if they wanted to in coordination with you to actually
6 do this and use their money to do it?

7 MR. PRICE: Yes.

8 MR. DELANEY: Just have to use your specs?

9 MR. PRICE: Yes.

10 MR. DELANEY: So that's a variation. All right, it
11 looks like there might be a deal here.

12 MR. PRICE: And obviously, you know, you talk about
13 the environmental concerns. The town is actually under
14 all the state MEPA environmental concerns, which are
15 actually either as stringent or more stringent than we
16 would anyway. So that's the common parameter there.

17 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thanks, Mark.

18 Any other new business?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. DELANEY: Hearing none, we would -- should set
21 the date for our next meeting.

22 **DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

23 MR. PRICE: How does June 16 look? That is if you
24 wanted to have a June meeting.

1 MR. DELANEY: I think we should have one more
2 meeting before the summer sets in.

3 MR. PRICE: Before Ed forgets about us.

4 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

5 MS. McKEAN: We need a cake for Ed and lunch.

6 MS. LYONS: It's fine for me.

7 MR. DELANEY: I'll be out of the state.

8 MR. PRICE: Well, then there's the 9th.

9 MR. DELANEY: The 9th would work for me.

10 MS. LYONS: The 9th works for me.

11 MR. PRICE: Lauren, is that --

12 MS. McKEAN: Nancy will be here then, so I won't
13 have to worry about it.

14 MR. PRICE: Will we be able to get it through the
15 Federal Register (inaudible)?

16 MS. McKEAN: Yes.

17 MR. SABIN: June 9?

18 MR. DELANEY: June 9, same time, same location.

19 And then the agenda will be -- is open now for
20 suggestions. We're going to have an update on the NStar
21 spraying as one topic. Obviously we'll have the
22 superintendent's reports and updates.

23 MR. ROBINSON: I'll give you a shorter --

24 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, Mark will give us the update on

1 the *Live Lightly Campaign*.

2 There was something else just a minute ago we
3 mentioned. Well, we'll talk more about the Centennial,
4 our role or our participation in the Centennial
5 celebration.

6 Anything else of a particular nature that someone
7 would like to see on here?

8 MR. PRICE: I might have Jason come back and show
9 the video for you.

10 MR. DELANEY: Oh, on the -- yeah, okay.

11 MR. PRICE: I could tee up more of the smoking
12 piece.

13 MR. DELANEY: Oh, yeah, the update on smoking.
14 Yeah.

15 MS. LYONS: I'll get everybody (inaudible), that
16 and the plovers.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MS. BURGESS: I was just thinking that.

19 MS. LYONS: Curse you, National Seashore.

20 MS. BURGESS: Only in the plover area.

21 MS. LYONS: Yeah, you can only go to the plover
22 area.

23 MR. DELANEY: Okay, we have an agenda I think
24 starting to shape up.

1 Larry?

2 MR. SPAULDING: I'd be interested, when you
3 mentioned plovers, just the birds and about what's
4 happened this spring. Maybe somebody on your staff
5 where you had that statistic could give a report.

6 MR. PRICE: Sure.

7 MR. DELANEY: That's a good one, especially since
8 Orleans and Chatham are trying to do their own version
9 of an endangered species management plan.

10 MR. PRICE: Well, actually, Joe was asking me
11 earlier about our position on that management plan. And
12 just so that everybody's aware, the towns by definition
13 are working with the state, and the state works under
14 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the requirements. So
15 if U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state are
16 happy, I'm happy. So whatever accommodations they work
17 out with the escorting and all that sort of thing, then
18 they're the regulatory responsible party, and even
19 though they're doing it within the boundary of the
20 Seashore, they're doing it according to their authority,
21 which works for us.

22 MR. DELANEY: So do they seek comment from the Park
23 Service in their process, or do they --

24 MR. PRICE: No. They have to get the comment from

1 the state or the Fish and Wildlife Service, just like we
2 have to get our sign-off from the Fish and Wildlife
3 Service.

4 MR. DELANEY: Does the Fish and Wildlife Service
5 ask the federal agencies in the area, your view in
6 particular, to comment on what they're proposing?

7 MR. PRICE: No.

8 MR. DELANEY: Okay.

9 MR. PRICE: But there is a -- it's more
10 complicated, but it's my understanding there is a
11 cumulative effect in a larger area if they determine
12 that there's impact on a particular species, but we
13 don't have any reason to believe that that impact is
14 going to affect our shorebird management plan
15 necessarily.

16 MR. DELANEY: An update -- Larry, I think an update
17 on that would be helpful.

18 So we've got an agenda, a date.

19 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

20 MR. DELANEY: And now I'll turn it toward *Public*
21 *Comment*.

22 Andrew, usually there are lots of screaming people
23 that are angry at the superintendent for doing something
24 at this point, and they get up and they make all kinds

1 of noise.

2 MS. LYONS: They'll be here next time with NStar.

3 MR. DELANEY: They'll be here next time with NStar.

4 But you're the -- I guess the sole representative
5 today, so it's kind of you to (inaudible). And the
6 public.

7 Did you want to --

8 MS. LYONS: And I'm not an apologist, just to get
9 that straight.

10 MR. DELANEY: Did you want to take a chance to say
11 anything else about your role?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. NELSON): To learn and listen
13 and, you know, obviously we would want to see, as
14 always, if you guys need anything from our office,
15 please feel free to contact, you know, in Hyannis, and
16 we'll get on the ball with whatever you need help with.

17 MR. DELANEY: Good.

18 MR. THOMAS: Pilgrim.

19 MS. BURGESS: Pilgrim.

20 MS. LYONS: Yeah, I know.

21 MR. THOMAS: Put more Pilgrim in his cereal. A lot
22 of people are going to vote, you know, someday.

23 MS. LYONS: Soon.

24 MR. THOMAS: Soon.

1 MS. LYONS: I know.

2 MR. THOMAS: So it's important to put more Pilgrim
3 in his cereal.

4 MR. DELANEY: And the last thing -- I should have
5 done this earlier before Public Comment, but I will call
6 your attention to this booklet.

7 MS. LYONS: I love that.

8 MR. DELANEY: Just be aware of it.

9 Larry, did you bring this?

10 MR. SPAULDING: I didn't.

11 MR. DELANEY: Did Mark bring it?

12 MR. THOMAS: Mark, it's a good piece.

13 MR. DELANEY: This looks like a good piece. I just
14 glanced through it, but, boy, you know, renters, that
15 summer population is a big reason why we have
16 environmental issues, because they triple our population
17 and put all kinds of pressure on our environment and
18 wastewater in particular.

19 MS. LYONS: Is there any way to get them in
20 different languages?

21 MR. ROBINSON: I don't know. I just picked it up.

22 MS. LYONS: Oh, you didn't produce it? You weren't
23 part of that production? Well, you know, it's a great
24 -- you know, I'm working with the J-1 now because of

1 bike safety stuff, and the bike safety -- Mass. Bike
2 does have these brochures that were taken advantage in
3 all different languages. I'm having one translated into
4 Bulgarian. It would be great to have those for not just
5 J-1 workers -- I mean, for them to actually sort of have
6 an appreciation for where they are, but I mean, we're
7 trying to tell them how to be safe here, but we should
8 also say how to keep your area -- you know, be
9 respectful and safe while you're here. So that would be
10 -- and not just J-1 workers, other visitors from all
11 around the world, as we all know, that come here.

12 MR. DELANEY: Well, take a spec and see if you can
13 get it replicated for each town. It's a good piece.

14 MS. LYONS: I like it a lot.

15 **ADJOURNMENT**

16 MR. DELANEY: Hearing no other business -- business
17 or comments, I'll accept a motion to adjourn.

18 MR. ROBINSON: So moved.

19 MR. DELANEY: Second?

20 MS. LYONS: Second.

21 MR. DELANEY: All approved?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 (Whereupon, at 3:21 p.m. the proceedings were
24 adjourned.)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

PLYMOUTH, SS

I, Linda M. Corcoran, a Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that:

The foregoing 124 pages comprises a true, complete, and accurate transcript to the best of my knowledge, skill, and ability of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission at Marconi Station Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on Monday, April 14, 2014, commencing at 1:03 p.m.

I further certify that I am a disinterested person to these proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal this 22nd day of May, 2014.

Linda M. Corcoran - Court Reporter
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